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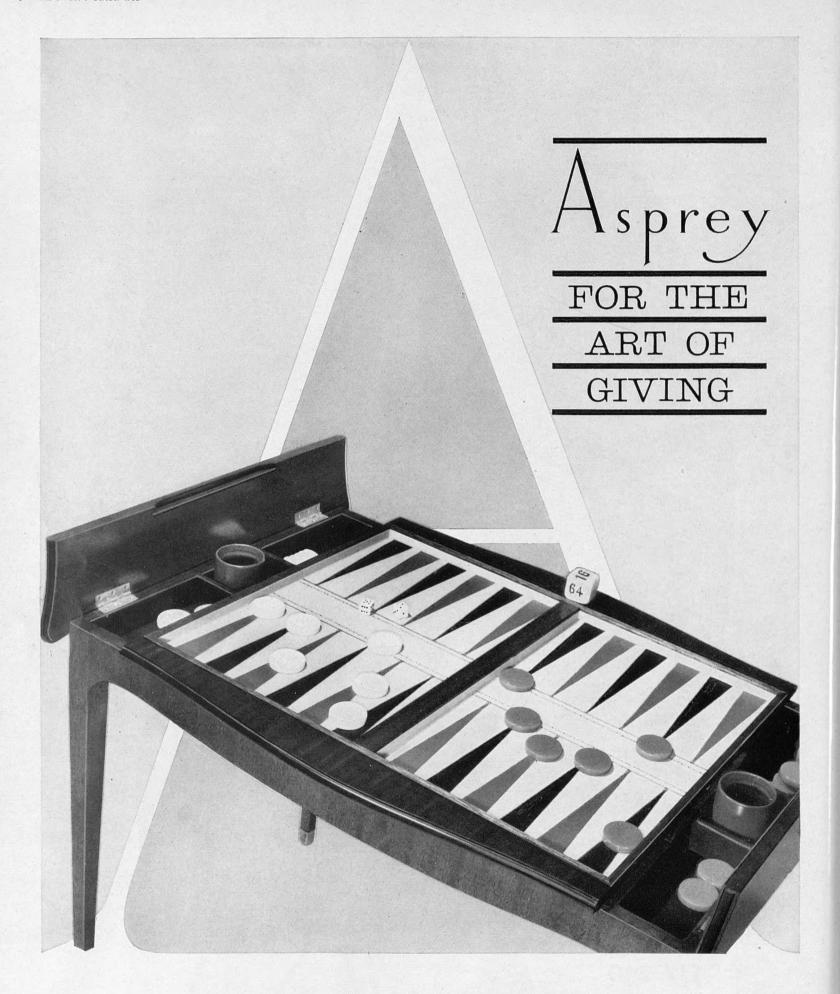




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Cover girl is Georgina Ward, soon to be seen in her first big film, The Man Who Finally Died, released by British Lion. The tapestry background provides the point of departure for this week's wine and food issue of the Tatler. Start on page 13 with John Baker White's answer to the question Why no British Michelin? Turn then to page 30 for Pamela Vandyke Price's witty catalogue of Wines for the life you live. And for those who have spent their holidays eating foreign, Ilse Gray provides a guide to English regional recipes in County Cuisine, page 27. Cover by John Timbers

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SOCIAL & SPORTING

Horse of the Year Show, Wembley, to 6 October.

Autumn Antiques Fair, Town Hall, Chelsea, to 13 October. (To be opened by Mr. Cecil Beaton.)

Women of the Year luncheon, Savoy, 4 October. (Tickets, £2 10s., inc. wine & coffee, from Mrs. Vera Biggs, AMB 0191.)

The Benenden Ball, Mansion House, 5 October, (Tickets £2 10s. inc. dinner from Mrs. E. Dalrymple, Wycherleys, Benenden, Cranbrook, Kent.) Cesarewitch, Newmarket, 6 October.

Mermaid Ball, Mansion House, 8 October, in aid of the Royal National Life-Boat Institution. (Tickets, £2 2s. inc. buffet supper, from Mrs. Susan With, Life-Boat House, 42 Grosvenor Gdns., S.W.1.)

Bal Masque, Grosvenor House, 9 October, in aid of the Mental Health National Appeal. (Tickets, £3 3s., inc. dinner from Mrs. Audrey Taylor, 8 Wimpole St., W.1.)

Wiltshire Red Cross Ball, Charlton Park, Malmesbury, 12 October.

Chatsworth Horse Trials, Derbyshire, 13 October.

Cambridgeshire, Newmarket, 17 October.

Motor Show, Earls Court, 17-27 October.

Autumn Fair, R.S.P.C.A. H.Q., 105 Jermyn St., S.W.1., 23 October.

World Première: Her Majesty the Queen has graciously consented to attend the World Première of Lawrence of Arabia, to be held on 10 December, at the Odeon Theatre, Leicester Square, in aid of The Save the Children Fund and The Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Families Association. Tickets are now on sale at the theatre box-office.

RACE MEETINGS

Flat: Newmarket, today and 4; Windsor, Haydock Park, 5, 6; Newmarket, Stockton, 6; Nottingham, 8, 9; Hurst Park, 9, 10; York, 10, 11 October.

Steeplechases: Worcester, Fontwell Park, today; Woore, 4; Uttoxeter, Hereford, Wetherby, 6; Carlisle, 6 and 8; Nottingham, 8 and 9; Hurst Park, 8, 9, 10; Cheltenham, 11 October.

MUSICAL

Covent Garden Opera. La Forza Del Destino, 7 p.m., tonight, 6, 9, 12 October; Der Rosenkavalier, 7 p.m., 5, 8, 11 October; Aïda, 7 p.m., 4 October. (cov 1066.)

Royal Ballet, Covent Garden. Les Rendezvous, The Good Humoured Ladies, The Rite Of Spring, 7.30 p.m., 10, 13, 17 October; La Fille Mal Gardée, 2.15 p.m., 13 October; La Valse, The Two Pigeons, 7.30 p.m., 16 October, 2.15 p.m., 20 October. Sadler's Wells Opera. Idomeneo, 11, 18 October; The Turn of the Screw, 12, 20 October; Carmen, 13, 16, 19 October. (TER 1672/3.)

Kokoschka Exhibition, Tate Gallery, to 10 November.



Mr. Guy Prince, chairman of J. L.P. Lebègue & Co. Ltd., presides today at the opening of the annual Lebègue week-long tasting of French wines held in the company's candle-lit maze of cellars at Stainer Street

Lord Mayor's Art Award Exhibition, Guildhall Art Gallery, to 4 October.

The Hallmark Collection, Whitechapel Gallery, to 7 October.

Nicholas Hawksmoor (1661-1736), Arts Council Gallery, St. James's Square, to 6 October. Magda Cordell and John McHale paintings, I.C.A. Gallery, Dover St., to 13 October. Recent Developments in Painting V, Tooth's Gallery, to 13 October.

R.P.S. International Exhibition of Photography, Ilford House, Oxford St., to 10 Nov.

EXHIBITIONS

London Salon of Photography, R.W.S. Galleries, Conduit St., to 6 October.

Winter Sports Exhibition, Alexandra Palace, to 6 October.

FIRST NIGHTS

Aldwych. Curtmantle, 9 October. Troilus & Cressida, 15 Octo-

Royal Court. Happy Days, 10 October.

Phoenix. Rock-a-bye Sailor, 16 October.

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WHY NO BRITISH MICHELIN?

An investigation conducted by John Baker White who also supplies a percentage analysis of pass marks for likely contenders



BY NOW THE PUBLISHERS OF THE FAMOUS Guide Michelin to France's hotels and restaurants must be fairly hardened to requests for a British edition, and anyone who writes about restaurants has the question "why isn't there a British Michelin" put to them about once a week. Ten years ago the answer was simple; there were not enough hotels and restaurants anywhere near to the high standards set by Michelin to make a guide possible. Today the answer is much more complex.

To produce in Britain anything like Michelin would be an expensive and lengthy task. It would involve a searching survey of tens of thousands of catering establishments ranging from large hotels to small country inns, the inspection of the kitchens and raw materials in them, the general standards of cleanliness and service, the degree of comfort, the contents of the cellar, and the quality of the cooking. Once the guide was completed, the process of checking, re-checking and dealing with complaints would begin.

The Guide Michelin organization employs at least a dozen highly trained inspectors, constantly on the move. It is on their reports, checking and rechecking one another, that restaurants and hotels are up or down graded. The proof of the efficiency of the system lies in the fact that disagreement with Michelin's judgments and gradings is a rare happening. But who would be prepared to embark on the expense of setting up such an organization for

Britain? The Automobile Association, with a network covering the whole country, does not attempt to do more than grade the hotels by size and general standards of comfort, while giving a rosette sign to smaller establishments with cooking above the average.

Anyone who attempted to produce a British Michelin would run into a major snag straight away—the rate at which new restaurants are opened, and at which existing establishments change hands. Imagine a "British Michelin" editor wrestling with the situation in the area bounded by Hyde Park, Sloane Street, Chelsea Embankment, and a line drawn from the Round Pond to Chelsea Old Church. Within that area nearly a dozen new restaurants have opened since the beginning of the year, while others have changed ownership and character. How would Michelin, or any other guide for that matter, keep up to date? And the same sort of movement is also going on outside London.

One of the reasons why Michelin is such a successful guide to eating well in France is that there the restaurant trade is still based largely on the family, as distinct from the brewery or multiple company which is such a feature in Britain today. The same establishment goes on generation after generation in the loving and dedicated care of the same family. Prunier, Grand Vefour and Lapérouse are shining examples in Paris. At the Hotel Bourgeois at Priay the son-in-law and daughter maintain the standards set by her mother, voted no less than three times the best cook in France. At Albi the Hostellerie Grand St. Antoine has been run by the Rieux family, son following father, since 1734.

There is the same kind of continuity of ownership at the *Hostellerie* at Vieux Pérouges, where Mon. Thibaut's father founded the committee that has recreated this lovely medieval township from the ruins it had become. The Hotel Ricordeau at Loue, with some of the best cooking in Northern France, is yet another example of how the family tradition is preserved.

There is another, and sharper, question that must be posed. How many restaurants in Britain would pass the hard and searching entrance examination for inclusion in the Michelin Guide? My guess, based upon fairly long and, I hope, thorough observation, is that the collective examination result sheet in terms of percentages would read something like this:

Comfort, equipment and decor	85%
Atmosphere	50%
Equipment of kitchens	70%
Cleanliness of kitchens	50%
Quality of meat	70%
Quality of game and poultry	30%
Quality of other raw products	60%
Quality of vegetable cooking	20%
Quality of wine lists	75%
Quality of service	40%
Soups and Sauces	20%
Decoration and presentation	
of dishes	40%
Fresh fruits	15%
Coffee	20%

There is nothing much wrong with the quality of the meat in British restaurants today, though some of it is ruined by over-cooking. The wine lists of London compare very favourably with those of Paris, even sometimes to our advantage in regard to rare vintages and price. Our specialized fish cooking in restaurants like those of the Overtons and Wheeler groups, Prunier, The Fisherman's Wharf and L'Escale is first class.

In contrast, often a restaurant otherwise good will fall down on its sauces, and many, too many, packets and cubes go into making soups. Our vegetable cooking remains, by and large, lamentable. Indifferent standards of service arise from a serious shortage of highly trained head waiters and lack of interest in the job among the junior staff, but the Guild of Sommeliers has done quite a lot to improve the knowledge of wine waiters. One final point. How many hotels and restaurants in Britain can lay their hands on their hearts and say that they are not using deep-freeze prawns and "scampi," deep-freeze vegetables, and poultry out of broiler houses? I do not know for certain the mind of Michelin on this question, but I would be surprised if any restaurant using these products collected a rosette. But all that being said, Headmaster Michelin might well sum up by saying: "Coming on well, but more attention to detail needed."

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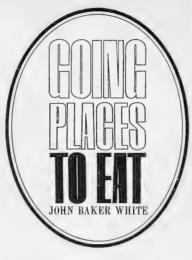
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Taste The World, Leicester Square. Open midday to midnight seven days in the week. Former journalist Mr. Stephen Kennedy is a man with original ideas. This is a functional, nofrills, serve-yourself restaurant with a difference. It offers the national dishes of 12 different countries. I noted a N.Y. Porterhouse steak for 6s. 11d., Hungarian goulash 5s. 6d., Chinese Feast 5s. 11d., Israel pickled salt beef 3s. 11d., Danish or Swedish Table 4s. 11d. The British contribution is a onepound helping of roast beef. If you do not mind self-service and cosmopolitan company you can leave well satisfied, without drink but with coffee, for about 7s. 6d. to 8s. There are carafe wines and beer available. Should suit hungry children with a sense of travel-urge.



Mr. Niki, the singing proprietor of Chez Luba who receives customers himself and does most of the cooking. Has guided the restaurant from a fish-&-chip café to a haunt of stars in nine years

Three Vikings, 84 Brewer Street (Regent Street end). (REG 4849.) C.S. This restaurant, well known for its Scandinavian cooking, has started what seems a most sensible idea. Downstairs they serve hot dishes, upstairs cold only, and you help yourself. Arranged on a long table in tasteful array round the flags of Norway, Sweden and Denmark are cold collations of meat and fish, with salads for which these countries are famous. The allin cost—and you decide how much you will eat-is 14s. 6d.

Wine note

To those interested in the rare and lesser known wines of France, Asher Storey's new list is a delight. It can be obtained by writing to them at 127 Lower Thames Street, London, E.C.3. It is interesting to note that it contains 10 wines costing half-a-sovereign, or less, per bottle, an indication that drinking unusual wines need not be expensive. The story of the wine of Château Grillet is fascinating and is deservedly given a whole page to itself. The most that has been produced from a vintage of this wine is 15 casks. In 1961 there were three.

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Alberts, 53 Beak Street. (GER 1296.) Long-established and excellent value for money.

Adria Hotel restaurant, 88 Queens Gate. (FRE 3391.) Welcomes non-residents and offers an adequate dinner for

London Steak House, 73 Old Brompton Road. (KNI 6195.) Its name explains its menu; you can do well for about 15s. without wine.

Cadogan restaurant, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane Street. (BEL 7141.) In a pleasant room, set lunch, or dinner, or grills are available; interesting wine list. Claridge's, Brook Street. (MAY 8860.) Luncheon is an experience in one of the few remaining great restaurants.

CABARET CALENDAR



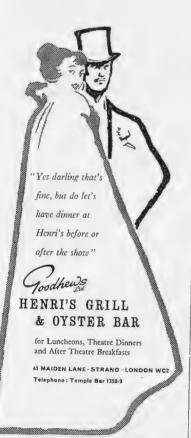
Shirley Bassey (above) has solo cabaret spot at the Talk of the Town. It is her first visit to this particular nightspot; her programme combines her own popular hits, point numbers and some new songs. Plus the floorshow at 10 o'clock

Pigalle (REG 7746). A new show opened this week. Tropical Paradise draws its stars from Fiji, with Carmita, and from New Zealand, with the Maori High-Five. Elaborate production by Billy Petch

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I HAD SEEN "BOLOGNA" STENCILLED inside shoes I have bought as far away as New York; consumed, in my time, quantities of Bolognese sauce: I even glimpsed the city, itself, piled up and sprawling on its hills, from the railway line. And wondered about it. The reputation of its food and its shops finally got me there.

Far smaller than Milan vet still one of the most industrial cities of Italy, it is much more beautiful than the label "industrial" might ever lead one to suppose. Its nicknames tell their own tale: "the red city." for all its buildings are of rosy red brick: "the learned city"it is the seat of Italy's oldest university-and "city of towers." Out of Bologna's original 200 medieval towers, 14 remain, relics of the centuriesold feud with Florence when both were city states. The old part of the city is not some picturesque quarter tucked away, it is the city. Two huge main squares, Piazza del Nettuno and Piazza Maggiore, have wonderful Renaissance proportions of arcades and porticoes and campaniles. There is promise of some interesting buildings, especially churches, to explore. But in the knowledge that its art treasures are less than the glories of nearby Parma, Ferrara and Ravenna, one's attention is quickly riveted on to its two chief raisons d'être: its restaurants



and its 36 kilometres of arcades. housing some of the best and cheapest shops in Italy, Buying shoes, especially, makes for an absolute field-day. It is almost worth taking along a small empty suitcase to accommodate them. Every other shop sells shoes. For large sizes, try Regal in Via Independenza; for the super-chic, Magli in Piazza della Mercanzia. Ritz Sadler (in Via Independenza) is the Hermès of Bologna, at less than half the price; near to it, Al Gingillo has gorgeous costume jewellery. Dress shops by the score have pretty little suits selling for around £6. Other buys are lovely belts, bags and accessories (they have coloured patent down to a fine art and a low-pared price); handsome leather blotters and pocket books; glass-huge, bright coloured goblets, equally good for either Martini mixing or

bathsalts or simply to decorate, at under £1. Perhaps I should make the framework of the shopping area clear, for it is particularly easy to grasp. The Loggia del Pavalone follows one side of the Cathedral, in the main Piazza Nettuno. Below the Piazza runs a large Tshaped junction. The top of the T is Via Rizzoli, culminating in Piazza della Mercanzia (in which is one of the best dress boutiques, Cesare). The other side of the T is Via Ugo Bassi, and the stem is formed by the long, straight Via Independenza, which has en masse some of the best shops of all. One day is enough to skim the cream. but there is a proviso: check that your visit does not coincide with any public holidays or feast days when the shops, unlike those of more touristconscious Rome and Florence. are shuttered like the dead.

No feast day, however, affects the restaurants in which the Bolognese spend large portions of both their time and their money. Al Papagallo is the most famous, as is testified by the usual gallery of signed portraits which line its walls. Bologna is the traditional home of pasta, but in my view it is a pity to waste one's gastronomic capacity on it here, for there is some far more exciting fare available: chicken soufflé, chicken with champagne sauce, fillets of turkey cooked in sauce Mousseline and truffles, then baked in pastry, to name only a few

dishes from a lengthy menu. Papagallo is, incidentally, one of the few restaurants whose menu is translated. Mostly, you are paid the compliment of understanding Italian or, at least, French, Some other good restaurants among many are Sampieri (attractively rustic, low-lit, has dancing in a little bar); Nerina, in Piazza Galileo, where the speciality is noodles done with truffles and cheese; Tre Vecchi-large, pleasant outdoor terrace; and my favourite of all, which I proudly discovered "by nose" and only later found out had a growing reputation-Don Chisciotte, in Via degli Albari. It has a snack bar at street level, and a small and most elegant restaurant upstairs. Their Quiche Lorraine is unmatchable and unforgettable. For the rest, ask the advice of the charming manager, Signor Giganti, who comes and talks to all of his guests. With persuasion, he may even allow you an eyefull of the kitchen and its methods. It is worth a week at the Cordon Bleu. The Majestic-Baglioni hotel is super-luxe: (top prices, around £3 10s. a night). Or you can do well for slightly less at the Jolly, and several others. Compared with Florence and Venice, of course, Bologna is no pilgrimage. But should you be in the vicinity, neither is it a city to bypass. I found there more things that I wanted and could afford to buy than on a recent trip to Paris.





Bologna: city of towers and arcades

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PONIES AT STONELEIGH



Adrienne Sharp of the Hurworth Hunt splashes through a ford just before the finish of the team event of the Pony Club Horse Trial Championships. Falcon photographed the young riders on finals day in the grounds of Stoneleigh Abbey, Kenilworth, where the championships were held by permission of Lord Leigh. More pictures overleaf. Muriel Bowen's column is on page 22

PONIES AT STONELEIGH

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Jackie Standfield of the Cowdray Hunt nears Roger Horne of the Tiverton Hunt the finish of the cross-country





Sally Brake and Frances Clark



The winning team, the Duke of Buccleuch's Hunt. Janice Morrison, Joseph Scott-Plummer, Diana Watherston and Diana Scott



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Victoria Rees-Reynolds of the Chiddingfold Farmers' Hunt



Roger Horne on his pony Little Squaw; Willey Tiverton holds the reins



Mrs. Ivor Davies and her daughter Wanda



Alexander Colquhoun



Auriol Taverner and Elizabeth Wedd



Pamela Toler of the Cheshire Hunt (South)



Timekeeper Mr. J. Orr and judge Lt.-Col. R. H. L. Brackenbury

DINNER AT THE PALACE

For royal guests and Commonwealth Premiers



The Queen Mother smiles and waves to the crowds on the way to Buckingham Palace for the dinner given by the Queen and Prince Philip for the statesmen attending the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conference



Princess Margaret in tiara and diamonds arrives with the Earl of Snowdon



The Duke and Duchess of Kent with Princess Alexandra and Princess Marina Duchess of Kent on their way to the Palace

MURIEL BOWEN REPORTS

THE Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conference could well have been a social shambles but for the timely action of SIR ERIC HARRI-SON, the Australian High Commissioner. He it was who quietly dreamed up a "non-invitation pact" and unfolded the idea to his Prime Minister, Mr. Menzies, who was enthusiastic. He then sold the idea—that visiting Prime Ministers and their retinues should not be invited to each other's parties—to the other High Commissioners. All round there was a diplomatic sigh of relief. The result was that parties were largely held in homes rather than in hotel ballrooms, there were no road blocks of diplomatic limousines, and wives who had travelled by air with its luggage limitations were greatly relieved that that little black dress had not to be dolled up in 15 different ways.

The most glamorous night of the Prime Ministers' visit was the dinner party at Buckingham Palace given by the Queen and Prince Philip and for which they and other members of the Royal family had returned from Balmoral. The night was in keeping with the occasion. A huge golden moon silhouetted the Palace against a paling sky just as guests arrived for the dinner.

It was a glittering spectacle as a fleet of cars drove through the Palace gates, each one lit up inside to show off beautiful dresses and exquisite jewels. The Queen in one of her favourite billowing gowns and wearing a diamond tiara depicting the rose, the thistle, the shamrock and the leek joined her Prime Ministers at precisely 8.20 p.m. Drinks were passed round by the Palace stewards and ten minutes later the Queen led the way to the gold and white ballroom.

Time was when Prime Ministers and their wives sat at one great long table stretching almost from end to end of the room. The Queen prefers these dinners to be much more informal. There were a series of round tables. A happy arrangement. As the Queen Mother remarked to the Canadian Prime Minister, Mr. DIEFENBAKER: "It is easier to chat at small tables."

NEW ZEALAND'S PARTY

When Mr. Macdonald, the New Zealand High Commissioner, and Mrs. Macdonald gave a party at the Savoy for his Prime Minister, Mr. Keith Holyoake, the ballroom was packed to near suffocation point. It soon became evident as all the distinguished captains of industry, Service brass, and pillars of the City had edged their way in, that if Mr. Macdonald had thrown a roof over

Trafalgar Square and given the party there, the space would still have been insufficient for those who wanted to come and pay a compliment to New Zealand.

SIR GEORGE & THE HON. LADY SCHUSTER WERE THERE, also Mr. & Mrs. TED DEXTER, Mr. & Mrs. John A. McConochie, Earl Mountbatten of Burma, Mr. & Mrs. F. E. Harmer, Brigadier & Mrs. A. Abel Smith, and Mr. John Tilney, M.P., & Mrs. Tilney. Still more were: Major Gen. Sir Charles Dunphie & Lady Dunphie, Lord & Lady Robens of Woldingham, Mr. & Mrs. W. H. Ackroyd, Mr. & Mrs. R. G. Lund, Dr. & Mrs. V. Armstrong, Mr. & Mrs. Billy Griffith, Mr. & Mrs. L. H. White, Mr. & Mrs. K. I. Hall, Lord & Lady Godber, and Sir Christopher & Lady Chancellor.

There was sadness that the most faithful of our friends, New Zealand, looks like the one to be hurt most by our going into Europe. "If there is a tax on New Zealand butter it will be as if the English put even more tax on our whisky," said a big Scot with a moustache. The New Zealanders were very touched. It was difficult to get away from the Common Market, though Mr. Holyoake, a jolly man, was keeping off it. His daughter, Diana, a tall, slim girl with a beehive of blonde hair, was the subject of one of his quips. "She's had a marvellous time over here, though I understand she didn't make the grade

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for the last job she went after. She wanted to be a waitress."

CONFERENCE COMMENTARY

The Conference had its diverse social moments. There was the towering figure of the Prime Minister of Jamaica who looks like an 18th-century composer with crinkly white hair at either side of his bald pate. Not for him the outmoded idea of waiting for an introduction, he introduced himself: "I Busta. And you?" There was Dame Pattie Menzies refusing another glass of champagne "because I promised to be back to kiss my grandchildren 'Good night.' "

That consummate hostess among the High Commission wives, Mrs. George Drew, gave a birthday party—complete with cake—for Mr. DIEFENBAKER. "There simply had to be a cake, because birthdays in Canada are always celebrated with a cake regardless of age," Mrs. Drew told me. It was such a good cake that Mr. Diefenbaker had the remains of it wrapped up and he and his staff polished it off with afternoon tea on the plane back to Canada.

But quite the best story of the Conference was the one about the West African Prime Minister who went to lunch in Chapel Street on the first Sunday of the Conference and arrived at the wrong house. A new 16-year-old Irish maid opened the door. After preliminary exchanges this was the conversation that ensued:

Maid (addressing Madam from bottom of stairs, door still open): There's a black man in fancy dress at the door who says he's invited to lunch.

Madam (washing her hair): He must be a Prime Minister. Explain to him nicely that he's come to the wrong

Maid (to P.M.): She said to tell you nicely that you must be at the wrong house.

LIBERAL THUNDER-STEALER

The Liberals were in full swoop at Llandudno for their annual Assembly. There were smiling faces, weighty speeches—and some stealing of political clothing, for after weeks of thinking up her Common Market speech Mrs. Jo GRIMOND had the unpleasant experience of hearing all her best ideas used by another delegate, Mr. MARK BONHAM CARTER, her brother, in his speech.

Generously she said afterwards: "It was a nuisance, but it was more important that Mark should make a good speech." He talked to run-of-the-mill delegates admitted free but his sister had the more difficult task of inspiring a rather exclusive after-dinner gathering, whose members had paid 7s. 6d. for the pleasure of being talked at!

I had imagined that Mrs. Grimond, being a daughter of Lady Violet Bonham CONTINUED OVERLEAF



Earl Mountbatten of Burma, Mrs. T. L. Macdonald, wife of the New Zealand High Commissioner, and Mr. Holyoake, Prime Minister of New Zealand

AT THE SAVOY New Zealand's High Commissioner, the Hon. T. L. Macdonald, gave the party in honour of his Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Keith Holyoake

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Mr. Hugh Gaitskell and Mr. Walter Nash, Leader of the Opposition in New Zealand



The Hon. J. R. Marshall, Deputy Prime Minister of New Zealand, and Miss Diana Holyoake



Lady Robens of Woldingham, Lord Robens and the Earl of Home

RECEPTION AT INDIA HOUSE

India's High Commissioner, Mr. M. T. Chagla, gave the party in honour of his Prime Minister, Mr. Nehru



Mrs. Shrimati Tagore, Mrs. Hector Thacker, and Mrs. Dhun Guzdar

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Mr. Nehru at the reception



Mr. P. C. D. Nambiar and Mrs. V. R. Bhatt



The Maharanee and Maharajah of Cooch Behar

MURIEL BOWEN CONTINUED

Carter, had first come to Liberal Assemblies in her pram but in fact this was her first. Nevertheless she's an ardent politician: "The pace has hotted up lately ... there's been a garden party every Saturday all summer . . . a bazaar almost every Saturday to Christmas . . . and two rallies a week booked to the end of June. . . . '

ZIP GOES THE CONFERENCE

There were 1,500 Liberals shedding great quantities of political fervour. In the 30-50 age group mainly, full of enthusiasm, but their keen minds lacking a little as yet, when it came to the political adroitness necessary to graft their new ideas on to the present political position. Many of them were young professional and business men. ("Next year I hope to have a nursery so that they can bring their wives and babies," Mrs. Grimond told me.) The Assembly, though, was not an entirely young and coming new world. There was SIR FELIX Brunner, the Liberals' President and uncle of the Duchess of Kent, who stood for the House of Commons years before I was born.

There was much party-going, and intriguing snippets of conversation drifted back to the genteel boarding houses along the Promenade. The nimble brain of Mr. Frank Byers was credited with the prediction that the manufacturer who produces magnetic zip fasteners-so that wives can get into their evening dresses unaided—will become a millionaire.

PROPHETIC HEADSCARF

Best meal of the week was the lunch of the North Wales Women's Liberal Federation, which was superbly planned by Mrs. Lily Wise & Mrs. R. R. Williams. And Mrs. George Grubb, Miss Heather HARVEY, Mrs. ERIC LUBBOCK, LADY BRUNNER, Mrs. EMLYN HOOSON and Mrs. J. H. THORPE added a bright note to it with their very smart hats.

But pleasures such as these were not for Col. R. L. GARDNER THORPE, the Party's Treasurer, who was busy in his counting house, a caravan by the Assembly Hall. "We've collected £50,300 in the first six months of this year compared to £46,000 in the whole of last year," he told me. His latest gimmick, a headscarf with politicians' signatures on it which raised hundreds of pounds in the first week of sales. One signature is missing from the scarf, Mr. Grimond's. "I don't think it would be right to have the signature of a future Prime Minister on a headscarf," explained Col. Gardner Thorpe.

Mr. Jo Grimond, the party leader, and Mr. Mark Bonham Carter

Those lively Liberals

Hopes of a political comeback ensured sparkling speeches and cheerful delegates at the Liberal Party's annual assembly at Llandudno. Mrs. Jo Grimond hopes to have a nursery for next year's so that the younger Liberals can bring their families

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The Hon. Mrs. Heathcoat-Amory



Mrs. Eric Lubbock, wife of the Orpington victor



Mrs. Jo Grimond



Mrs. Emlyn Hooson



Lady Violet Bonham Carter



Brig. Sir Frank Medlicott



R. Gale of Middlesex hits out for the Players

CRICKETERS AND PHOTOGRAPHS: VAN HALLAN COUNCILLORS...

... a Bishop as well, turned out to watch the last day of the Gentlemen and Players match in the Scarborough Cricket Festival. The Players won by 7 wickets

Former Essex captain Mr. T. N. Pearce with his wife and Mr. W. A. Wood, chairman of the Scarborough Cricket Club



Mrs. A. B. Sharman, wife of the vicechairman of Headingley & Leeds Cricket, Football & Athletics Club, with Mrs. J. M. Whitaker, wife of the vice-chairman



Above: Among the spectators was the Bishop of Hull, the Rt. Rev. George Frederick Townley. Below: The Mayor and Mayoress of Scarborough, Alderman





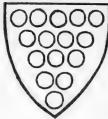
COUNTY CUISINE



The English by now have become so well accustomed to praising the food of almost every other country in Europe that there's a real danger we'll forget the excellence of our own regional cookery altogether. Fortunately the recipes have all been preserved and there are restaurants in London that still prepare them. For example the Lancashire Hot Pot, the Old Chicken Kentish Pudding and the Hampshire Roll (seen with the Cornish Pasties in the picture) are all on the menu at Simpson's in the Strand. Turn overleaf for the recipes and a run-down on regional dishes from a dozen other English counties.

COLLATIONS BY ILSE GRAY PICTURE BY TESSA GRIMSHAW





CORNWALL

Cornish Pasty: Shortcrust pastry, 1 lb. lean rump steak, 1 onion, 3 potatoes, chopped parsley, salt and pepper. Roll out pastry less than ½ in. thick, cut into large rounds. In centre of each round put the mixture of chopped steak, onion, potato and seasoning, sprinkle with parsley. Wet round edge of pastry, press together and crimp edges down centre with fingers. Brush with egg and make air holes. Bake in hot oven for about 15 minutes, then low heat for at least 1½ hours. Some people add calves' liver, carrots and turnips. In Cornwall they put anything into a pasty from rabbits or bacon and eggs to jam or blackberries and apples. See picture on page 27.

Star-Gazy Pie: fresh herrings, mackerel or pilchards to fill a medium-size pie dish, 6 eggs, several rashers fat bacon, 2 tablespoons tarragon vinegar, salt, pepper, parsley, fine breadcrumbs, pastry for crust. Scale and open the fish, remove bones, and season inside with salt, pepper and chopped parsley. Roll up neatly. Butter the pie dish and sprinkle into it a thick layer of breadcrumbs. Put in alternate layers of fish and then breadcrumbs. Cover with slices of fat bacon, pour over a mixture of the eggs beaten up with the vinegar (or if preferred with a gill of cream). Cover with pie crust. Arrange heads of fish in centre of pastry, bake in a well heated oven. Serve with a piece of parsley in mouth of each fish.

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Cumberland Sauce (served with ham, mutton, venison or brawn): 3 tablespoons redcurrant jelly, 2 lumps sugar, 1 orange, 1 lemon, 2 glasses red wine, I teaspoon cornflour. Rub sugar over orange rind until thoroughly soaked. Put in a saucepan together with orange juice, lemon juice, thinly pared lemon skin and the jelly. Boil the wine and add to pan. Bring mixture to the boil, simmer for 5 to 7 minutes. Add cornflour blended with a dessertspoon of water. Cook, stirring, for about a minute to thicken. Strain and serve cold. Flavour improves if kept a day or so in a cool place.

Rum Butter (used as a filling for cakes, or sauce for Christmas pudding, and traditionally offered at a new-born baby's "head wetting"): 1 lb. butter, 2 lb. soft brown sugar, 2 small glasses rum, nutmeg and cinnamon to taste. Beat the butter, beat in sugar, then rum, nutmeg and cinnamon. Put into a china bowl and smooth top—it must on no account have a rough or rocky appearance.



DERBYSHIRE

Bakewell Pudding (the result of a misunderstanding between mistress and cook at the Rutland Arms Inn over 100 years ago): 5 egg yolks, 3 egg whites, 6 oz. castor sugar, 4 oz. butter, strawberry jam, almond essence (optional), puff pastry. Line a flan ring or baking tin (traditionally oval) about 7 in. across with puff pastry, spread with strawberry jam and cover with the following egg mixture—gently melt together butter and sugar, mix in egg yolks and whites and essence. Bake in hot oven (Regulo 7 or 425 deg. F.) for 15 minutes, then medium oven (Regulo 4, or 350 deg. F.) for 25 minutes. Serve hot or cold.



DEVONSHIRE

Devonshire Splits (also made in Cornwall): 1 lb. plain flour, pinch salt, 1 oz. butter, 1 oz. sugar, 1 oz. yeast, approx. ½ pint warm milk. Cream yeast with 1 teaspoon of sugar, pour over half the milk and mix thoroughly. Sprinkle with a little flour and leave in a warm place for about 20 minutes until surface is covered with little bubbles. Sieve flour and salt, rub in the butter, add rest of sugar, then gradually work in yeast liquid and enough of the rest of the milk to make a firm dough. Knead lightly. Put in a warm place to "prove" for an hour. Turn on to floured board, knead well, shape into rounds, place on greased tin. Allow to "prove" for another 15 minutes then bake in a very hot oven (Regulo 8 or 475 deg. F.) for about 10 minutes.

Cool, serve split and filled with jam and clotted cream.

Barnstaple Fair Gingerbread: 6 oz. treacle, 6 oz. flour, 5 oz. butter, 6 oz. sugar, 1 teaspoonful ground ginger. Warm the treacle. Rub butter into the flour, add sugar and ginger, mix well. Blend with warm treacle. Drop small pieces on to a well-greased tin. Bake at once in a very slow oven for 30 minutes.



HAMPSHIRE

Hampshire Roll (recipe from Simpson's in the Strand): 6 oz. butter, 6 oz. sugar, 2 eggs, 12 oz. flour, $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. baking powder, pinch of salt, a little milk, a little apricot jam, 2 lb. sliced apples. For the sauce—8 oz. apricot jam, ‡ pint water, 1 teaspoon cornflour. Cream together butter and sugar, beat in eggs. Sift together flour, baking powder and salt and add to mixture. Moisten with milk to sponge-cake consistency. Grease a baking sleeve, line the bottom with apricot jam. Put in the sliced apples and pour on the mixture, spreading it level on top. Bake in a moderate oven for 45 minutes. Turn out on to a dish. Serve hot with apricot sauce. To make the sauce bring apricot jam and water to the boil, thicken with cornflour (mixed to a paste with a little cold water). Allow to boil for 1 minute, stirring constantly.



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Chicken Kentish Pudding (for 4 people): two 2 lb. chickens, cut in half; 1 lb. salt belly of pork, 4 oz. chopped onions, pepper and salt, chopped parsley, 11 lb. suet paste. Simmer the belly of pork for three-quarters of an hour. Line a pudding basin with some of the paste. Put in two halves of the chicken with some of the onions, and half the pork, sliced. Then the other two pieces of chicken, and finally the rest of the onions and pork. Sprinkle with salt and pepper and the parsley, cover with water. Cover the basin with the rest of the paste, and boil for two and a half hours, or steam for two hours. See picture on page 27.



LANCASHIRE

Lancashire Hot Pot (recipe from Simpson's in the Strand): 2 mutton (or lamb) chops per person, sliced onions, sliced potatoes. Boil the chops rapidly to remove excess fat, then leave to cool. Put a layer of sliced potatoes in an earthenware casserole, then a layer of sliced onions. Cover with a layer of chops. Season each layer. If the casserole is a very deep one, repeat the process. Now cover the meat with a layer of thickly sliced potatoes. Barely cover with water and cook, covered, in a low oven for 2 to 3 hours. Remove lid for last 20 minutes to let potatoes brown. Garnish with parsley and, possibly, sliced tomatoes (added when potatoes are browning). In some very old recipes oysters, kidneys and mushrooms were added. In Lancashire, the hot pot is served with pickled red cabbage. See picture on page 27.

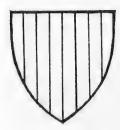
Eccles Cakes: 8 oz. puff pastry, 1 oz. butter, 4 oz. currants, juice of ½ a lemon, 1 oz. chopped peel, grated nutmeg, spice, 1 oz. sugar, egg white to glaze. Roll out pastry to about $\frac{1}{8}$ in. thick, cut into rounds. Melt butter, add fruit, peel, sugar, lemon juice and spice. Put a spoonful of mixture on each round. Gather up edges to make a bag, moisten and squeeze ends together. Turn over, flatten with rolling pin or hands, make two slits with a knife, brush with egg white, sprinkle with sugar, and bake for about 15 minutes in a hot oven (Regulo 8, 450 deg. F.).



LEICESTERSHIRE

Melton Mowbray Pie: 3 lb. lard, 1 pint milk and water, 2 lb. flour, pinch salt, egg yolk and milk to glaze, 3 lb. pork, 1 teaspoon anchovy essence, salt and pepper. Remove skin, bone and gristle, cover meat with cold water and stew gently for an hour (the stock will form a stiff jelly when cold). Season and strain. For the crust, boil the fat in milk and water, pour into flour and salt and mix to a soft dough. Set aside \(\frac{1}{4} \) of the dough in a warm place. Let the rest cool, then knead well. Line a greased,

loose-bottomed 8-in. cake tin with the pastry to ½ in. above top. Cut meat into small pieces, add salt, pepper and anchovy essence and press firmly into case. With pastry set aside make a lid and rose and leaves for decoration. Cover with lid, seal well, then decorate—making a hole under the rose. Brush with egg and milk mixture, bake in slow oven for about 3 hours. When brown, remove rose and pour in hot stock via a funnel until full. When cold and almost



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set replace rose.

Singin' Hinny: 1 lb. plain flour, 4 oz. lard, 4 oz. butter, 4 teaspoon salt, 2 teaspoon cream of tartar, 1 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda, 6 oz. currants, milk to mix. Rub fat into flour, mix in salt, cream of tartar and bicarbonate of soda, Add well cleaned currants. Make firm dough with a little milk. Roll out \(\frac{1}{2} \) in. thick, prick, bake on hot greased girdle (or thick frying pan) until under-side is brown, turn and cook other side. Turn again to heat through, cut into pieces, split, butter and serve hot. If the cake is too large to cook in one piece it can be cut into quarters.



OXFORDSHIRE

Banbury Cakes: 8 oz. rough puff pastry, 2 oz. brown sugar, 1 oz. ground almonds, ½ level teaspoon mixed spice, I oz. butter, 2 oz. mixed peel, I small egg, 4 oz. currants. Cream butter and sugar, add beaten egg and mix thoroughly. Add ground almonds, mixed peel and currants. Roll out pastry thinly, cut into 5 in. rounds. Damp half round edge. Put a spoonful of filling in each round. Draw dampened edge over filling on top of other edge. Press lightly together. Form into oval, turn over, flatten slightly. Glaze and sprinkle with sugar. Bake in hot oven for about 20 to 25 minutes.



SOMERSET

Bath Buns: $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. flour, 1 egg, $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. yeast, 3 oz. lard, $\frac{1}{4}$ pint milk, 3 oz. castor sugar, 2 oz. sultanas, $1\frac{1}{2}$ oz. peel, 1 oz. loaf sugar. Rub lard into the flour, cream the yeast, add milk and egg. Beat well to a dough. Put to rise to double the size. Beat in sugar, chopped peel, and sultanas. Form into small buns and leave to rise. Brush over with egg, sprinkle with crushed loaf sugar. Bake for 10 minutes at 475 deg. F., Regulo 8-9.

Somerset Apple Cake: ½ lb. flour, 3-4 oz. fat, 3-4 oz. sugar (according to taste), 1 egg, little mixed spice, 1 lb. chopped cooking apples. Rub fat into flour, add sugar, spice and chopped apples, mix with beaten egg. Spread in pie plate or shallow dish, bake till brown in fairly hot oven. Serve hot sprinkled with sugar.

Veal in Cider: 1½ lb. stewing yeal, 2 oz. butter, 1 large onion, 1 oz. flour, dry cider (about a pint), 3-4 mushrooms, salt, pepper, mixed herbs. Melt butter in saucepan, toss sliced onion in it without browning for a few minutes. Add veal cut in neat pieces and fry gently. Blend in flour and mix well. Pour over cider to cover, add sliced mushrooms, salt, pepper and a pinch of mixed dried herbs. Bring gently to boil, then cover and simmer for about 1½ hours until tender.



SUFFOLK

Suffolk (or Norfolk) Dumplings: 1/2 lb. plain flour, $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. yeast, salt to taste, $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoonful sugar, 1 teaspoon mixed herbs. Sieve flour and mix with herbs. Cream yeast, salt and sugar with a little warm water in a cup adding more water until about two-thirds full. Make a normal dough with as much yeast liquid as required. Knead well, prove fully for 2 hours in a warm place. Divide and roll into dumplings. Prove another 20 minutes. Then cook for 20 minutes in boiling salt water, or stock, in a large saucepan. Delicious with a rich gravy.

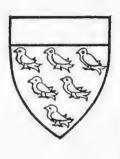
Treacle Custard (recipe over 100 years old): short crust, 1 egg, 2 tablespoons syrup. Line a greased sandwich tin or deep plate with the short crust pastry. Warm the syrup so that it is liquid. Beat the egg, add the warm syrup and beat together. Pour into the pastry-lined tin. Bake in a slow oven till golden brown. Eat 3 October cold, when the mixture will set like a jelly.



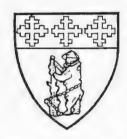


SURREY

Richmond Maids of Honour: ½ lb. puff pastry, curd cheese (cottage cheese), 3 oz. butter, 1 dessertspoon brandy or sherry, 1 oz. chopped and blanched almonds, 2 oz. sugar, grated lemon rind, pinch cinnamon, 1 egg. Line 12 patty tins with the puff pastry. Cream butter and sugar, add curd cheese, almonds, lemon rind, brandy or sherry, cinnamon and egg. Put mixture in pastry and bake for about 25 minutes in a hot oven, 450 deg. F., Regulo 8. If filling becomes too brown, lower heat. The curd cheese can be made from sour milk put in a muslin bag and allowed to drip several hours, but one can sometimes buy it though it must not be confused with cream cheese, which is richer.



Sussex Pond Pudding (19th century recipe): suet crust, currants, Demerara sugar. Make a good suet crust, put in some currants and a little sugar. Divide in two and roll each piece into a thick round. Put into the middle of one round a ball of butter mixed with sugar, using the proportions of $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. of butter to $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. Demerara. Gather up edges of crust and enclose the butter ball securely by covering the join with the second round of crust and pinching together. Put in floured cloth, tie up rather tightly and boil 3 hours or more according to size. (Modern recipes vary only slightly from this, one uses mixed fruit and candied peel and is served with whipped cream.)



WARWICKSHIRE

Coventry Godcakes (traditionally made similarly to Eccles cakes, this recipe uses mincemeat instead): 6 oz. puff pastry, mincemeat, milk or egg white, sugar. Roll out pastry to about $\frac{1}{8}$ inch. Cut into square about 4-5 in. across. mincemeat in one triangle, fold over the pastry, seal, brush with milk or egg white, sprinkle with sugar. Bake in a hot oven (Regulo 7, 450 deg. F.) for about 20 minutes. Serve hot or cold.



YORKSHIRE

Yorkshire Parkin (eaten on 5 November): 6 oz. flour, 3 oz. brown sugar, 3 oz. butter, 2 oz. medium oatmeal, 4 oz. golden syrup, 1 egg, 1½ teaspoons bicarbonate of soda, 1 teaspoon ground ginger, milk. Sift the dry ingredients into a bowl. Melt the sugar, syrup and butter in a saucepan and pour over the dry ingredients. Add the milk to make a soft consistency. Pour into a well greased flat tin and bake for one hour at Regulo 3 or 325 deg. F.

Savoury Yorkshire Pudding: 2 onions, 2 eggs, 1 pint milk, 6 oz. flour, 1 teaspoon powdered sage, pepper and salt. Boil onions, drain and chop. Mix with salt, pepper and sage. Put flour in a bowl, add the eggs and milk gradually, lastly the onions and seasoning. Heat some dripping in a baking tin and pour in the batter. Bake in a medium oven for 40 minutes.

Turkey-Yorkshire fashion: 1 turkey, forcemeat, a calf's tongue, white sauce, turnips, carrots, cauliflower, peas. Truss turkey with feet inside. Take out the breast bone and put in its place a well-boiled calf's tongue and some forcemeat. Reform breast and truss turkey correctly. Put in large pan, cover with water, season, boil up and simmer for 2 hours. Strain off liquid and partly use for making a good white sauce. Put turkey on a platter, cover with white sauce and garnish with cooked turnips, carrots, sprigs of cauliflower, peas or any other suitable vegetable. Can also be served cold covered with a white sauce blended with aspic jelly.

We are indebted for most of the recipes on these pages to the Women's Institutes County Cookery Books and Good Things In England edited by Florence White (Jonathan Cape, 21s.). Additional advice from The TATLER'S own cookery expert Helen Burke

Wines for the life you live

A pvice on what to drink with what gets so glossy that it tends to fall into line with the "what to do—wear—give" sections of our pet periodicals: "Never buy a secondhand tiara," "The perfect travel outfit—cream mohair and blonde mink," "For your gardener friend for Christmas, a Grecian temple." We get lists of wines to drink on those very "trad" family occasions like Christmas when, as immutably as sprouts with turkey, we have the same old Nuits St. Georges and port to follow because our godfather recommended them years ago

and they send Grannie into an amiable coma afterwards. We are enjoined, for those "special occasions," to purchase estate-bottled hocks and domaine-bottled Burgundies of a type to rarefy the air and afflict the bank balance, so that we decide to give a bread and cheese and sausage party with beer instead. Or "for informal entertaining" we are mesmerized by the name of a wine so obscure, obtainable from only one source, that all our friends, when they come, have read about it as well and have, after trying it, decided that they'd

rather stick to lager and lime. But what about the lives we really live? There are glorious wines from Germany, gay wines from Italy, workaday wines from Spain and Portugal—plus the great ports and sherries—and many other good drinks. But the wines of France offer not only the greatest range of wines on the British market, but the greatest range at each stage of quality and price. So here, as the fashion writers might say, is your capsule cellar, interchangeable and adaptable to choice.

THE BOTTLE FROM HIM

Highly important this, not only for immediate results, but because it may be the moment when she realizes there are differences in wines apart from red and white, dry and sweet. Give her something easy to enjoy without a lot of vinous know-how, but as good as you can possibly afford—you don't form standards about anything by experience of only the second-rate. For the dinner for two in your flat, eschew the obvious—and, for the young, slightly sinister of implication—Champagne and have a couple of half-bottles: say, a fresh, fragrant and yet not too dry Alsatian Riesling (the 1959s are currently delicious) with a "moreish" young Beaujolais, such as a Fleurie, Saint-Amour or Julienas to follow. (Even if you have a bottle of each, you shouldn't need to spend more than 30s.)



THE BOTTLE FROM HER

You may be an expense account girl and a model of competence in your trim grey flannel suit, but this is the time when discreet femininity is called for, plus the implication that you learned your wine from the right kind of man. Keep your head cool and your palate fresh while you're getting dinner ready with an aperitif of chilled dry vermouth. Progress to one good bottle—red Côte du Rhône, Châteauneuf du Pape or Hermitage if it's a southern sort of meal, with lots of herbs and peppers; with a grill, one of the "little" clarets, from the Moulis or Listrac regions, or, with roast chicken or game, a Pomerol or St. Emilion of a modest type and, in each case, of fairly recent vintage. (The vermouth will cost you about 10s, for a half-bottle-drink the remainder, if any, with your girl friends-and the wine around 15s.-17s. a bottle.)

THE LAST-MINUTE BOTTLE

One phones t'other and says you've got to bring someone home for a meal. If it's a question of rushing out to the off-licence, look for the good blended wines, without a vintage label, which are ready to enjoy at once. Regionallynamed clarets-St. Emilion, Pomerol, Médoc, Margaux, St. Julien, and those entitled "something or other" Bordeaux rouge—are fine for rather plain food. With casseroles or stews, try a Beaujolais or red Mâcon from a shipper or merchant whose name rings a good reputation in your ears. Decant if possible-not only does it look better, but the aeration will improve the wine. If you want a white wine-make sure you've time to cool it before drinkingtry the dry Muscadet, which, in the absence of gin or sherry, you could serve as an aperitif, or, from higher up the Loire, Pouilly sur Loire or Sancerre. (The red wines will cost from 10s. 6d. to 13s., the white ones a shilling or so more.)



THE BOTTLE TO IMPRESS

It may be the boss to dinner, your important uncle back from far-flung administration, the parents of your "intended," or the sort of friend who's a trifle flamboyant about his-or her-car, tailor and the scion of European royalty they met on holiday. This guest may know a lot about wine or nothing at all. This means that the bottle must be as good as possible in its category, but it's easier to impress by producing the unusual rather than the extravagant. Try such excellent wines as the white Clos de Vougeot, or white Pavillion Blanc of Château Margaux, the red Chassagne Montrachet, Clos St. Jean, and the Domaine de Chevalier, the Graves that makes both red and white wines. Recent newcomers to this country are the Alsatian Muscat, very sweet-smelling, but not sweet to drink, and the white, dry Château Filhot, and Ygrec, the dry wine of Château Yquem, also the white Condrieu and Château Grillet, formerly chiefly known only to habitués of the Pyramide Restaurant at Vienne. (Difficult to price these, as much depends on vintages, availability and where bottled, but allow a minimum of 15s. a bottle—many will be much more.)

There are times when, as you set the scene for a hopeful beginning of a friendship or a graceful goodbye, the resources of a new hairdo and lipstick (I suppose the masculine equivalent is a Sulka tie and two dozen red roses) are just not enough. Food and drink may not, understandably, be the be all and end all of the evening, but friend, how they can help! Unless you're able to plan the occasion well ahead, when you can get in a red wine recommended by a sympathetic wine merchant, white wines seem indicated—halves if you're starting something, whole bottles if ending it. Champagne, perhaps, beforehand, unless you're being ultrasophisticated with proprietary French aperitifs, and a fine white Graves-such as Château Carbonnieux—or a beautiful white Burgundy, one of the Meursaults or Montrachets, or, best of all, Corton Charlemagne, with the meal. If you're cutting costs and serving cold food, have one of the finer rosés. These must all be served cold, so if you have no refrigerator either borrow a bucket and buy some ice for the bottles, or get yourself an insulated bag and take it along for your wine merchant to pack. Add Cognac or Armagnac for the finishing touch. The crafty guest who wishes to be asked again will send the wine in advance as a contribution to the feast: the remorseful but valedictory one will bow out on this gentlemanly-or ladylike—gesture. (For the Champagne, see above. The Carbonnieux of a recent vintage will cost about 19s., more if château-bottled, a good rosé from 12s. 6d. upwards, the white Burgundies from 25s, up: more if French-bottled and of older vintages. Cognac or Armagnac can cost you-for liqueur drinking-at least from about 50s. a bottle, and mostly much more. All right if you can leave the bottle behind for the next time. If there isn't going to be one, take a couple of miniatures.)



THE BOTTLE FOR THE CONNOISSEUR

We'll presume that this kind of guestrich or poor-will contrive always to afford the best of the great classic wines. (One always does afford those luxuries which are often more important than the essentials.) Interest is the angle here: the claret or Burgundy from a famous property, but a comparatively littleknown year, or one of the very great white Burgundies, French-bottled. which deserve pride of place at a meal, but which are too fascinating to toss off at lunchtime. You might choose one of these, with something a little off-beat, such as one of the Gaillac or Dordogne white wines, or, for aperitif, a sparkling white Burgundy or Loire wine, excellent in its own right, and then, according to numbers, have a bottle or half of one of the great Sauternes or Barsacs, which one seldom gets a chance to drink when people want port or brandy, and which are delicious with dessert. (The finer classed growth clarets, old enough to be worth lengthy appraisal, will cost, château-bottled, from 25s. upwards, French-bottled red or white Burgundy from about 30s., the Gaillac and Dordogne wines from about 15s., the sparkling white Burgundy or Loire around a guinea, and Sauternes or Barsac, of a top property and fine vintage, from 25s. a bottle up. Not cheap? But even a half-bottle of one would be more of a treat for this kind of guest than gallons something at 7s. 6d.)

THE BOTTLE TO CONSOLE

Sometimes any sort of drink can be better than none and a bottle in the hand worth the Nobel Prize next year. Hilaire Belloc's "I only drink Champagne to raise me from the dead-a thing I constantly need" is as good a reason as any for never being without some "for medicinal purposes." Drunk in company it makes everybody seem more charming, talented and beautiful, in solitude it produces poetic, lofty thoughts and high hopes for the morrow. It also happens to be one of the finest tonics in the world and therefore most convalescents would prefer even a split to grapes or a good book. A good nonvintage costs from about 27s, a bottle, 15s. a half, 8s. a quarter, or a vintage Champagne (to enliven the cold cuts when you didn't get that promotion, dinner invitation or anything out of Ernie) will be from about 35s. a bottle.

VIVIEN OLIVER is 16; she followed her brother Alan into the show-ring at the earliest possible age. At six she was riding in leading rein classes, and at 12 was competing in junior jumping. Though she won open classes last year, 1962 is her most successful year so far-she won the Ladies Championship at Richmond on Red Mint, and (on the same horse) was a member of the team that carried off the Junior European Championship in Berlin this August. Vivien enjoys show-jumping enormously and says she is never physically nervous, "just a few

butterflies before I'm due in the ring for a big event." As Alan Oliver (in the picture with her) says, "the bigger the jumps, the more you've got to take them as though they were nothing. We always reckon that if you start getting cautious, you're more likely to hurt yourself." The woman rider she admires most is Pat Smythe "because she always seems to go well, never makes a fool of herself." Vivien Oliver is non-committal about specific ambitions, but is certain on one thing—she wants to go on competing as long as possible.



JOHN KIDD (right, walking the course at the White City) has ridden all his remembered life. He had his first pony at three years old, and won an early rosette in a fancy dress class when he was four. Started competitive jumping when he was 10, and has always been successful, notably getting two firsts at Wembley when he was 14. His mother, the Hon. Mrs. Kidd, runs the only stud in England that sets out specifically to breed show jumpers. The Kidds have only once bought a ready-made Grade-A horse, preferring to buy novices and train them themselves.

Copper Castle, the horse John rode in the Junior European Championship at Berlin, is a 17-hand thoroughbred, bought as a steeplechaser; and up-graded by him. He followed his sister into the British Junior team-Jane Kidd twice jumped for Britain in the Junior Championships-and as well as contributing to the team's success this year in Berlin he won the individual contest on Manka. Says he is never nervous, but feels tense just before he is due to jump in a big competition-once he is in the ring, though, his only feeling is concentration.

JUMP-OFF with the clock

By Angela Ince Pictures by Stephen Coe

Show-jumping is one international sport in which the British consistently remain a force. Prospects for the future seem equally bright-the six young riders on these pages, with successes already behind them, still have time on their side. They congregate in London this week for the Horse of the Year Show at Wembley





JEAN GOODWIN (left) is blonde and 18. Unique among the six, she is the first member of her family to become fascinated by horses. Her second year in open jumping has gone well-she came second to Bill Steinkraus in the Derby Trials at Hickstead, has qualified her three horses for Wembley. Jean started riding when she was four, at 16 she won the Junior Championship at Wembley. Her best horse is Nicky (in the picture with her), the one she rode at Hickstead; "He has a wonderful temperament-a kind horse, but needs the stimulus of a big occasion-he tends to plod round at a small show." Twice a year she goes to Ted Williams for training, "He helps and encourages me a lot." Most mornings are spent working with the horses; she is very much in favour of dressage ("I think it helps enormously to get a horse supple, obedient and balanced"). Among the present top show jumpers she admires Nelson Pessoa; Bill Steinkraus "because his style is so quiet, and he does so well on young horses"; and Peter Robeson, "He's so calm and controlled in the ringone gets the impression that the hard work has been done earlier." Jean enjoys show-jumping, "But I don't want to take it too desperately seriously--- wouldn't like to get to the stage when there is nothing else in life, and you can't give it up.'



SHEILA BARNES has ridden for most of her 18 years. Her father, Gerald Barnes, Chef d'Equipe of this year's Junior British Team, says: "If you ask anybody in the village they'll tell you we put our children on ponies instead of prams," The early start paid off-at seven she won her first jumping competition at High Wycombe, and at 14 the Junior Championship at Harringay on Baccarat. Currently she considers her best horse to be Solitaire, but she is also bringing on a novice called My Lord. Among the internationals she admires Nelson Pessoa, "He can do anything-speed or height"; the d'Inzeos, and Pat Smythe, "If there's something big on, she pulls out all the stops and makes a terrific effort to win.'

Sheila admits to being more nervous at small shows than big ones, "at small shows we're expected to do awfully well, much more is expected"; but is never physically nervous-the trying moments of waiting in the ring for a jump to be rebuilt don't affect her. "By that time you've lost the competition, and if it's your fault, rather than the horse's, you're simply feeling cross with yourself." She is ambitious, and would like to go as far as she can, but is conscious that finding the right horse is of vital importance. "For the big international courses you need a big horse with a lot of scope, and absolutely consistent. The great size of those courses means that if a horse stops and you lose the impetus you've had it.'



JABEENA MASLIN is 17, has ridden since she was four, and first appeared in the show-ring when she was five. "I can still remember hating leading-rein classes-I wanted to be off on my own." She started winning junior show-jumping classes when she was eight, and in 1959 was the leading junior rider. In 1961 she was a member of the British Junior team, and this year she won the young riders' championship at the Royal Counties Show. Her best horse at present is Arkvar, a 10-yearold bay mare. Like most showjumping experts, the Maslins prefer to buy young green horses and bring them on themselves, rather than taking over ready-made Grade-A horses-Ornella is one young horse they are producing. Jabeena says she is never nervous. "I love competing, and look forward to it. Big crowds don't bother me-I just forget about She admires Raimondo them." d'Inzeo, "I like the quiet, sympathetic way he treats his horses-there's nothing rushed in the ring." Her ambitions are brisk and clean-cut. "I would like to go on competing as long as possible. I'd like to do the three-day event at Badminton. And I'd like to be European Ladies' Champion one day.

MICHAEL KANE is Scottish and started riding when he was 11; unusually late in life considering that this year, when he was 17, he represented Britain in the Junior European Championships in Berlin, riding his own Loch Foyle. He works hard-will spend two hours a day schooling one novice horse, and is a great believer in simple dressage: 'dressage is just a name for hard work, schooling, and patience." His father says he has the perfect bigtime temperament, and never gets nervous, which is perhaps partly due to the fact that in the winter he races under National Hunt rules, and at 15 had already won his first steeplechase. In 1961 at the Royal Highland Show, when he was up against really tough competition for the first time, he won the Puissance. And this year he won for the second year running the Usher Gold Tankard, Scotland's most important jumping competition. He admires David Barker, but says, "You can never say I'm going to jump like that fellow—you have to have your own style." Also looks up enormously to Ted Williams, who has helped him and encouraged him for years. As far as the future is concerned, he agrees that everybody would like to be considered for the Olympics, but says that getting the right horse is proving more and more difficult. He has three younger brothers, but, says his father, one horseman in the family is enough.





Let's start with the caviar

WHOLEFOOD'S OF BAKER STREET IS UNIQUE IN that all the products are natural—entirely free from artificial fertilizers, spraying, hormone injections. This policy is reflected in the farm flavour and good taste of their food-eggs of country freshness, vegetables plucked at their peak and rushed straight to the shop, delicious brown bread made specially for them by Floris with stone-ground wholewheat flour. Wholefood's are non-profit making and their existence is made possible by a group of qualityconscious people called the Soil Association, who are interested in giving us a chance to eat the kind of food only our parents seem to remember. Fresh off the farm in the picture: globe artichoke of tender smallness, cabbage, leek, tomato, runner beans, sweet corn—each one compost grown. Wholefood's also have surpassingly good pâté, cold meats, chickens, cream and a French mineral water from Contrexeville (in the picture) called Source du Pavillion.

Fortnum & Mason's food department is good browsing ground for the gourmet or anyone who values the best, ranging from coffee to caviar. In the picture: Finest English Stilton in a stone and roasted-brown pottery jar: 24s. Hard-to-resist barrel of peaches matured in brandy by Raffeto: 8 gns., or a jar of caviar with a sturgeon swimming on the front: £8 4s. Delectable at Fortnum's, too, is their Strasbourg pie filled with special pâtés and truffles and other delicacies: £8 15s. to order, the marvellous range of American foods, the exotic fruits like cartons of fresh figs or lychees.

At Leadenhall Market in the City, Thomas Marsh & Co. carry more than 100 kinds of cheese. Melt-in-the-mouth French varieties are flown in every day—one new one is a garlic and parsley cream cheese. Another is a centre cut of Canadian Cheddar which has

been aged in ale. Of the exotics, Banon d'Or is hard to beat—goat's milk cheese steeped in herbs and wrapped in Chestnut leaves or Poivre d'Ane—ewes' milk cheese covered with rosemary rinds—the stately Roquefort and the clubman's top cheese—Blue Cheshire. Marsh will organize a cheese & wine buffet for a dance or party, in co-operation with Peter Dominic. Cheese-tasting in the picture: French Demi-Coulommier from champagne country, a 3 lb. round of Cherry Hill Canadian Cheddar which is over 1 yr. old and cured in wine (travels well in a gold box which can be posted anywhere for 25s. plus postage). And a small round of the fascinatingly wrapped Bel Paese.

COUNTERSPY BY ELIZABETH WILLIAMSON

It's the Pup I prefer

By Lord Kilbracken

A FINE SATURDAY MORNING AND PAT'S voice on the phone: "There's an air show!" she told me. "Christopher's taking the Bentley—won't you come along?" I knew about this Bentley; it was built in 1934, which is just about the year in which I'd last been to an air show. (They were known as air pageants then.) This somehow made it seem a specially appropriate proposal; I was free until the evening and the autumn sun was shining. "When do we leave?" I said.

We left an hour later on the wellknown Brighton road, the road to my boyhood, passing indeed right alongside Gatwick Airport, where, aged 14, I made my second-ever flight—a hop with my mama in a rattly de Havilland to the Isle of Wight as a treat. My first-ever had been in one of those 3-engined biplanes used by Imperial Airways on the London/Paris run—a Handley-Page Hannibal—which had been retired to work in pageants and was offering quick flips, at five bob a time, from a football field on the outskirts of East Grinstead. (My mother's first had been in 1913, in a two-seater fighter named Rickety Ann, so she was already a veteran; the following year she flew over Paris in a balloon, piloted by her husband, Commander Neville Usbourne, who was killed in a flying accident towards the end of the war.) The engine of the Bentley hummed contentedly at 2,500 revs, in unison with my nostalgia, as we sped along at 60 to the seaside.

An air show in 1962. . . . It would be all jets, I supposed, and supersonic bangs, and the impersonality which everyday flying has now acquired. For 17 years I have been a mere passenger, relegated from the casual delight of wartime piloting to the anonymous back seat of today's commercial flights, trammelled by routine (as of course they must be) so that no iota remains of the feckless romance we knew. The milk-&-roses niceness of the air hostesses; the dispassionate, disembodied statements which always begin "This is your captain speaking"; the known-by-heart regulations about safety belts and smoking; the stereotyped flight reports passed backwards down the cabin which we seldom bother to read—these are now the constituent parts of flying, even though the air speed is over 500 knots.

No runways or radio regulated each movement, no flight plan each moment, when I was learning to fly; no flaps, no retractable undercarriage, no variable-pitch airscrew (not even on ops, later). In a word, no automatic pilot—we were the pilots, not George. With open cockpits, two wings, one engine and a joyful heart—so we flew like angels, and died like cavaliers. . . .

But we reached the airfield and were at once transported backwards-not 20 years but 45. There wasn't a runway to be seen; and taxi-ing happily around the grassy perimeter was a stumpy, pugnosed biplane which—I knew at once could be only a Sopwith Pup. That there should still be one in existence outside a museum! It was, as you should know, one of the R.F.C.'s great fighters of World War One from 1916 on; with its top speed of 88 knots it was very little slower than the Swordfish I flew in the second, which, in fact, it rather closely resembled. No one, I said to myself, would dream of flying it today; it was here to be shown off, safely on the ground, and it was very good, too, to see it. Whereupon the laughing pilot, in Irving jacket and goggles, turned gaily into wind and was airborne in 50 yards. Next thing, he was performing slow rolls at less than 300 feet. Later, a Bristol Fighter was also to take the air-a modern machine built in 1917 and slightly faster than the Swordfish (which was still operational—I commanded the last squadron-in 1945) at 110 knots. Both veterans were from the Shuttleworth collection at Old Warden, Bedfordshire.

I had a look at the Sopwith's cockpit later in the day. Remarkable that the three basic controls—the joystick, the rudder bar, the throttle—have been virtually the same in appearance and operation for nearly half-a-century. I'd have flown that Pup for sixpence if anyone had asked me to. It had exactly

four instruments: altimeter, air speed indicator, turn and bank indicator, rev-counter. That's how flying should be!

Its overture ended, the air show got under way-a fine mixture of ancient and modern, for the Sopwith was followed by a fly past of Super Sabres of the U.S.A.F., who were gone almost before they arrived and were then never seen again. There were three separate races involving 28 privately-owned aircraft, ranging from Tiger Moths in Class III to Proctors and a Gemini in Class I; a terrifying display of low-level aerobatics in a Vampire; an Air-Sea Rescue demonstration by the R.A.F. with a magnificently-flown helicopter: and another lot of aerobatics, this time by a Spitfire T8. A demonstration of "crazy flying" in a Tiger Moth was scheduled, but the pilot was rather too crazy and carried away several hundred feet of cable with him on take-off, thus cutting off half the spectators from the loudspeaker commentary till the damage was repaired. A Beagle Wallis autogyro whizzed around the field like an angry gnat.

The formation aerobatics of the Red Pelicans—five R.A.F. Provosts, flown by Central Flying School instructorsprovided, I suppose, the day's most impressive offering, as must so often be the case at air shows of this kind when they put in an appearance. It was a display of flying so perfect that its very skill and accuracy may have detracted from its impressiveness to laymen; they made it seem so easy-and a barrel roll in tight formation at low altitude, without losing station by a yard, is nothing of the kind, I can assure you. All the same, as we bundled into the Bentley for the trek home in the twilight, the fighters of World War One were still uppermost in my mind. You can have your Super Sabres, I thought, as we left the field, and your Vampires and your Provosts. But the Sopwith Pupthere's a real aeroplane! And so much closer, I realized, to those I used to fly than the fierce, sleek jets of today and tomorrow.



Among her valuables, the elegant woman counts velvet as a fine asset. Elizabeth Dickson chose some of fashion's best opening gambits for the cocktail hour and after. Alec Murray photographed them in the setting of the Omar Khayyam restaurant

Talking point: slender cocktail dress with high, plain neckline dipping to a deep cowl exit view. In shimmering, forest green by Marcus. About 23 gns. Debenham & Freebody. Diamond bracelet, Kutchinsky





Above: Party frou-frou given a new bird of paradise plumage. Whispery veiling cascades from a tiny velvet pillbox, the trimming in satin and ostrich feathers. All in black, by Simone Mirman

Right: Lure and mystery of the velvet and satin combination. Gleaming garnet theatre coat with fullness at the back, high double-edged mandarin collar. Matching velvet hat with centre glitter pin. Ivory satin dress etched with rhinestone and crystal embroidery, narrow bow ties the embroidered belt. Christian Dior-London. Coat, 76½ gns., dress 93½ gns. Fortnum & Mason





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Above: Willowy black evening dress with contour-hugging bodice and single panel falling from the waist to hem. Cover-up: brief bolero smothered with black silk petals, a velvet bow on each shoulder. Koupy. About 37 gns. Peter Jones. Diamond and gold pin in the hair, Kutchinsky

Left: Silhouette in midnight black—the beautifully austere, bare shoulder line at the front dips to a low back, the skirt slim. Rima. About 36½ gns. Fortnum & Mason. Black velvet bandeau, Aldo Bruno

Far left: Buffet supper suit combines the prettiest fabrics for candlelight: the glow of velvet, the gentle sparkle of gold thread. Black suit with polo sweater of black velvet and lurex pin stripes. Spectator Sports. 12 gns. Ivor Hartnell, Bond Street. Jet velvet candy bow, Aldo Bruno

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Right: Ermine, flashing white and sumptuous on the cuffs of a black theatre coat. The full, collariess velvet coat is lined in white satin and worn over a matching white satin dress with blouson top embroidered in rhinestone and crystal.

Jean Allen. Coat and dress together, 69 gns. Harvey Nichols

Far right: Golden dalmatian cardigan jacket and reed-slim ballgown in black. Dress has plain camisole top, jacket in black seersucker studded with gleaming gold spots. Fredrica. Dress, 13 gns., jacket, 9 gns. The Little Shop, Harvey Nichols and Debenham & Freebody

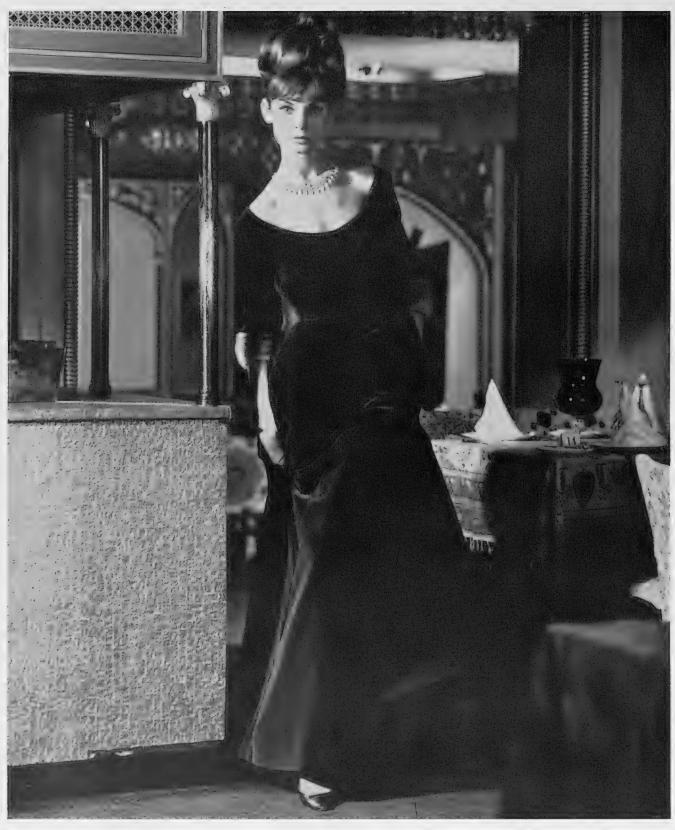
Below: Not to be missed in a busy wardrobe—the evening trenchcoat. Cut with military panache—well defined shoulder line, bold brass buttons, and chosen for the social round in tobacco brown. Polly Peck. 20 gns. Liberty







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For women of all ages, dramatic entrance evening gown in snuff brown cuffed in blonde mink. Classical scoop neckline, voluminous skirt. Jean Allen. $40\frac{1}{2}$ gns. Without mink cuffs, 22 gns. Peter Jones. Diamond bib necklace set in gold, Kutchinsky

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GOOD LOOKS

cleans up on cleansers

A cleanser geared to skin type is more important than having the right lipstick or remembering to make powder lighter as the winter comes on. Because however carefully you choose a foundation, however painstakingly you apply powder, it will merely cloak the fact that your skin isn't in peak condition and the disguise will grow heavier as the years pile up and soon it will be mutton made up like lamb. So, a featherdown hand applying absolute minimum makeups over a skin of hospital hygiene preserves a dewy skin. For what goes on under make-up is as important to a face as a foundation to fashion. If you are young with the kind of skin liable to breakouts of spots and your skin type isn't the dry kind that needs nightly dosings of cream to keep it pliable, there is a good soap on sale like the ones doctors use for scrubbing up before operations. Called Clearasil, its regular use results in a germ-free surface that is equipped to resist infection. Cleansing with Clearasil is intended to be teamed with Clearasil medication which carries on the good work of de-spotting.

A list of cleansers could go on for ever. All the beauty people have excellent ones in their ranges. And if you like a firm's products there's every reason to keep up the good work with the cleanser in the range. But those who lack brand loyalty and tend to flit from one beauty counter to the next, picking up what pleases on the way, should sample the following:

Estee Lauder's cleansing oil is not just a cleanser. Can be used as a sun oil too and is suitable for all skin types. The oil is specially helpful in breaking down the condition that results in clogged pores because it cuts through the secretion. Her All Purpose Creme is good for lazybones because it cleanses and conditions in one operation.

Lancôme's Bien Aise cream just needs to be touched on and removed with cotton wool wrung out in tepid water. This is especially good cleanser for skins inclined to dryness, which will benefit from a cleansing with Fraicheur twice a week-an oily soap-like cream which is applied with a special brush and water, then rinsed off. Charles of the Ritz Lemon Cleanser is rather like lemon mousse in consistency and is specially good for oily skins which tend to open pores, as its slight astringency helps minimize them.



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PLAYS

BIG FISH, LITTLE FISH DUKE OF YORK'S THEATRE (THOMAS COLEY, HUME CRONYN, JESSICA TANDY)
RATTLE OF A SIMPLE MAN GARRICK THEATRE (SHEILA HANCOCK, EDWARD WOODWARD)

Laughter for the lonely

HERE IS THE MATERIAL FOR TWO GOOD EVENINGS in the theatre; nothing revolutionary but on the contrary an old-fashioned tendency to take three acts, in both cases, to tell a story which could better have been tailored

into two, and no Message unless, by stretching things a little, it could be to love one's neighbour. A pretty high degree of entertainment, though, some excellent natural dialogue and, above all, at least four superlative performances.

Mr. Hugh Wheeler's play, Big Fish, Little Fish, is set in a New York bachelor apartment of the shabby, fairly comfortable kind where extra guests are put up on bed-sofas or collapsible camp beds, where the plumbing is loud but inadequate and where there is a glimpse of an untidy kitchenette. The owner of the flat is a tall, cowboy-shaped professor whose bright prospects were dimmed some 20 years before as a result of a boy's suicide note. This William who has meanwhile been working in a textbook publishing house is now offered, through the intermediary offices of a brisk Mr.-Fixit friend, a far more promising job which will mean his moving to Europe and making his headquarters in Geneva. After a good deal of bumbling William accepts the post and the problem, which is also the play's central theme, now is to tell his friends of his decision and to stand firm against their inevitable reactions. For William, though no success story hero, is a good-tempered and warm-hearted fellow on whom these friends have come to depend and when this

central prop of their lives announces his imminent departure the shock is considerable.

His mistress, with whom he has had a cosy, undemanding relationship for almost 20 years, is almost comically resentful. Edith's basic complacence is badly shaken. "It wasn't really love," she moans. "Just sex and friendship . . . for all these years, just sex and friendship." His close friend. Jimmie, loving and admiring but in a perpetual state of exasperation, sees himself abandoned. An older ally, Basil, a selfindulgent eccentric, manages a few words of difficult congratulation before he has a heart attack on the stairs and falls to his death. And then, ironically, just as the survivors are becoming more or less recigned to losing their friend, lover, idol and occasional meal ticket, William is told that the job is no longer available. He must and, as the curtain falls we see that he inevitably will, return to the existence from which only his frustrated dreams have temporarily removed him.

Mr. Thomas Coley as William gives an agreeable performance as an essentially agreeable man but it is Mr. Hume Cronyn as Jimmie, the small, mercurial, devoted and irrepressibly articulate admirer and critic, whose acting brought him a real and deserved ovation. With impeccable timing of some of the best lines in a play which has many, and with complete understanding of the complex character he is playing, Mr. Cronyn deserved every scrap of his applause. Miss Jessica Tandy, prettier than ever since her last appearance here in 1940, almost convinces us that Edith is a tiresome woman, and Mr. Frederick Jaeger is quite brilliant as the spry, name-dropping agent. As for the play itself, it is not the plot, which is slight to the point of emaciation, which engages one so much as Mr. Wheeler's very considerable gift for dialogue: utterly natural, funny, incisive, smart and always real. So good indeed that sometimes it sounds like conversation overheard rather than invented. But not good enough, it seems, to establish a run. The play closed at the end of last week.

In Rattle Of A Simple Man Mr. Charles Dyer has written an exceedingly amusing, unambiguous play for two characters, with a brief appearance by a third, and is marvellously well served by Miss Sheila Hancock and Mr. Edward Woodward. Miss Hancock makes a genuine, 18-carat success as a cheeky, resilient, generous girl of the town who cheats her own loneliness by creating a fantasy family life complete with brigadier father, a rich settled background and an Oxford career ending in an M.A. degree. "My father bought it for me," as she explains airily.

The timid, middle-aged man from the North whom she brings back to her basement flat confesses reluctantly that he is a virgin and that his pal, Ginger, has bet him £50 that he won't spend the night with a girl. Mr. Woodward plays Percy beautifully, making him absurd, touching, irritating in his self-absorption and completely credible. He and the ebullient charmer, Cyrenne, have the stage to themselves in every sense and seem to fill every inch of it. If the fun in this rumbustious comedy of Mr. Dyer's weren't quite as fast one might have time to reflect on the inadequacies of the plot. As it is one does nothing of the kind. One just echoes Percy's: "Oo, you do say some bloont things!" And laughs and laughs.



Cockney tart and Mancunian virgin: Sheila Hancock and Edward Woodward in Rattle Of A Simple Man at the Garrick Theatre

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BILLY BUDD DIRECTOR PETER USTINOV (PETER USTINOV, TERENCE STAMP, ROBERT RYAN, MELVYN DOUGLAS, RONALD LEWIS) THE HIDEOUT DIRECTOR RAOUL ANDRE (MARCEL MOULOUDJI, FRANCIS BLANCHE, LOUISE CARLETTI, ROBERT PORTE) INCIDENT AT OWL CREEK DIRECTOR ROBERT ENRICO (ROGET JACQUET, ANNE CORNALY) THE DOCK BRIEF DIRECTOR JAMES HILL (PETER SELLERS, RICHARD ATTENBOROUGH)

Mr. Ustinov's courage

MR. PETER USTINOV, WHO PRODUCED AND directed Billy Budd—and collaborated with Mr. Robert Rossen on the screenplay—had the nerve to defy the wiseacres of Wardour Street and make his film in his own way, ending it as Herman Melville ended the novel on which it is based. On learning that the hero, an angelic-looking and blameless young seaman in Nelson's navy, is hanged from the yardarm of the man-ofwar in which he has dutifully served, distributors blanched.

"But you can't do that!" they criedand one can imagine the sort of alternative ending they would suggest. Something like this, I bet: "So all right, Billy Budd is condemned to death but as he is standing on the deck with the noose around his neck an ancient mariner speaks up to reveal that the boy is too important a guy to swing. He is not, as everybody thinks, a bastard from Bristol: he is the long-lost son of the First Lord of the Admiralty—was stolen at birth from his highborn mother by a mad nursemaid (the ancient mariner's sister) who has since confessed-and for the first time in 18 years his father knows his whereabouts. A carrier pigeon arrives aboard the ship with a message confirming this - and Billy is released and promoted to First Lieutenant. Eh?"

Tempted as he may have been thus or similarly to amend his story, Mr. Ustinov stuck to his guns: Billy Budd must die—to prove the tragic point that justice and the law are by no means the same thing. "But the public won't stand for a film with an unhappy ending," moaned the distributors. I believe they will stand and cheer for this one. It is a tremendous personal triumph for Mr. Ustinov—who, in addition to having directed it with consummate skill, gives a superb performance as the captain of H.M.S. Avenger, who is bound by the naval code to condemn to death the boy whom he knows in his heart to be innocent.

Mr. Terence Stamp, as Billy Budd, plays the guileless boy beautifully: it is difficult to suggest simplicity and goodness without making the character seem slightly soft in the head—but Mr. Stamp succeeds to perfection (in his first film, too). Billy's candour and sweetness, his good humour and willingness to work are endearing to everyone aboard except the sadistic master-atarms, Mr. Robert Ryan, an embittered man who would rather destroy the boy than have his own conception of the world as an evil place proved wrong.

Mr. Ryan, admirably sinister, reports to the captain that Budd has plotted to kill him and is inciting the crew to mutiny. He is ordered to repeat the charge to Billy's



Peter Lawford, Richard Todd and Frank Howard at the Orne River bridge. From Darryl F. Zanuck's The Longest Day, the story of the first 24 hours of the 1944 invasion of Europe. The première is tomorrow (Thursday) at the Leicester Square Theatre

face. The boy is speechless at the man's perfidy: unable to find words to defend himself, he strikes and kills his accuser with a single blow. The captain is convinced that the master-at-arms was maliciously lying and that Billy Budd struck him in justified protest and with no murderous intent—but he has his duty to do.

Mutiny is already rife at the Nore and Spithead and he cannot risk it aboard his own ship—as he fears he will if Billy Budd does not pay the penalty. The drumhead court-martial (finely written), at which his officers (the excellent Messrs. Paul Rogers, John Neville and David McCallum) wrestle with their consciences, is extraordinarily gripping—and the outcome is profoundly moving.

Mr. Melvyn Douglas as the Dansker, the oldest and most Godfearing man aboard, is splendid—and so is Mr. Robert Lewis, as the truculent sailor whom Mr. Ryan delights in humiliating and hounds to his death. Still, I think it is Mr. Stamp's Billy Budd, the embodiment of a blessed but doomed innocence, who will haunt your memory and maybe draw you back to see the film, as I did, for a second time.

But for the ending (which is so sunny that one suspects the distributors must have been at M. Raoul André, the director)

The Hideout would have been a thoroughly chilling film. A psychiatrist shelters M. Marcel Mouloudji, a Maquis-man on the run, in a mental home—where he poses persuasively as a patient. When the psychiatrist is seized by the Gestapo and deported, terror grips M. Mouloudji—for who is there now to testify that he is perfectly sane? His murder of the man he suspects of denouncing the psychiatrist puts him, as far as the authorities are concerned, into the category of the

violently *in*sane: how, when the war is over, will he be able to prove he is not? The prospect of spending the rest of his life in solitary confinement nearly drives him out of his mind. One sees no escape for him—and the way out suddenly provided by a relenting scriptwriter just won't do.

Incident at Owl Creek is an eerie, nightmarish little piece about the hanging of a man in Alabama during the Civil War. The victim (M. Roger Jacquet) stands on a railway bridge above a river—his arms and legs bound, the rope around his neck. One sees him drop towards the swiftly running water. The rope breaks, he frees his hands and feet, swims downstream, fired upon by the soldiers on the bank: he reaches a shore, runs and runs along long avenues towards his home and his wife, whom he sees but cannot reach. . . . And all this is what passes through the prisoner's mind in the moment before his feet touch the water, the noose tightens and death claims him. This strange, frightening and beautiful film won the 1962 Palme d'Or at Cannes—which makes one feel that film festivals sometimes justify their existence, after all.

Mr. Richard Attenborough gives a most touching performance as the mild little budgerigar-fancying wife-murderer in the film version of Mr. John Mortimer's Dock Brief—and reduces to second place his costar, Mr. Peter Sellers, who plays, with his customary and by now slightly boring expertise, the incompetent barrister who is called upon to defend him. This may do Mr. Sellers a power of good. Mr. A., gently concerned over his counsel's loss of face, is wonderfully sweet and human: Mr. S. is just, as ever, the best impersonator in the business—and the barrister's realization of his inadequacy leaves one unmoved.



Mary Daly and the author, two drawings by Paul Hogarth from Brendan Behan's Island: An Irish Sketchbook (Hutchinson, 25s.)

BOOKS STROLHUGH-JONES

CARLOS THE BEWITCHED BY JOHN NADA (CAPE, 30s.) THE ENGLISHMAN ABROAD BY HUGH & PAULINE MASSINGHAM (PHOENIX HOUSE, 30s.) THE PASSION FLOWER HOTEL BY ROSALIND ERSKINE (CAPE, 15s.) THE THIRTEENTH CHILD BY ANTONIA RIDGE (FABER, 13s. 6d.) THE FUTURE OF LONDON BY EDWARD CARTER (PELICAN, 4s. 6d.) TIDE-RACE BY BRENDA CHAMBERLAIN (HODDER & STOUGHTON, 25s.)

Top unsuccessful man

Anyone thoroughly disenchanted with England in the 1960s should instantly study John Nada's Carlos The Bewitched, and thank God for modern medicine, religious tolerance and democracy. This life of a sad, retarded, mortally sick and impotent King of Spain, contemporary of Louis XIV and William of Orange, is in the author's words an account of "what folly and ignorance can do by way of warping and torturing a human being," and extraordinarily alarming it is.

The point of being a Spanish monarch in the 17th century was to produce an heir, an action of which Carlos, because of his wretched inbred heredity, was incapable. Twice married, his life was a disastrous record of horrific purges and cures, mysterious poisonings and incessant plotting on the part of foreign rulers. His wives claimed false pregnancies, the Inquisition investigated the whole question of impotence due to witchcraft, Carlos's miserable life was lived through in a black mist of superstition and guilt and came to a futile end.

This curious book leaves behind it a memory of strange, dark, somehow monstrous images of pain, suffering, torture and inhumanity, specially in the appalling chapter that describes the great *auto-da-fé*

of 1680, with its public burning of unrepentant heretics. The Queen Mother dies of cancer, the Queen Maria Louisa dies of suspected poisoning, Carlos sleeps with a little bag of either holy relics or instruments of witchcraft under his pillow. The insistence upon the symptoms of pregnancy, the obsession with the works of the devil, the utter inhumanity of the manner in which royal personages were expected to behave, convey a picture of an age of insupportable fear and ignorance. Poor Carlos never emerges as a real person at all, as indeed he possibly was not. He had long sad hair and the Habsburg underslung jaw, which meant no food he ate was ever masticated and was therefore rejected by his outraged digestive system. His biography is powerfully and depressingly hypnotic, a ghastly record of hit-or-miss medical extravaganza and political ruthlessness. I disliked it intensely, and could not stop reading for a second. More dates would have helped.

The Englishman Abroad, by Hugh and Pauline Massingham, is an adorable anthology of snippets from notable writers on a theme about which the English care passionately one way or another-travel. Everyone will be delighted to find a favourite passage—I raised a cheer for one of Palinurus's more mannered and agonized paragraphs about Paris. Elizabeth Barrett Browning finds Florence cheap and tranquil, Byron fancies the women of Cadiz, William Hickey in Calcutta gradually ceases to "feel the horror that at first prevailed at the thought of a connection with black women." It makes one regret the awful ease, the predetermined smoothness of modern travel, that has no element of exploring and would have been despised by all those fierce English ladies who so passionately and weirdly, not to say unsuitably, pursued the life of the Bedouin long ago.

This most civilized, witty and learned book contains some excellent illustrations, including an almost incredible picture captioned simply "E. M. Forster in India" and portraying the sage in some remarkably crazy Oriental threads.

The Passion Flower Hotel is the story of a nice girls' school where Sarah Callender organizes a near-brothel to satisfy the urgent needs of the neighbouring boys' school. This steamy and not truly very witty little fantasy should by rights have been the work of an ageing and frustrated gentleman taking time off from some serious piece of scholarship. Instead it turns out that the author is Rosalind Erskine, aged 18, whose hobbies "include" target-shooting, betting on horses and (hurray) reading. On the jacket, which I know is not Miss Erskine's fault, the back of her head is elegantly displayed, a trick we will willingly permit to a novelist as dazzling as, say, Mr. Henry Greene. Never mind, time will tell.... Antonia Ridge's The Thirteenth Child is a rather pleasant little novel about Katherine who married first Henry V and then Owen Tudor. . . . The Future of London by Edward Carter is an important little book that discusses the planning of the poor ugly gargantuan silted up Wen and manages somehow to be both brisk and entirely bleak in a reassuring kind of bracing manner...and Brenda Chamberlain's Tide-Race is a book about living on the Welsh island of Bardsey by a painter whose prose is oddly close to poetry and whose attitude to living is sturdy, realist, nonconformist, genuinely islandish. We are all at one time or another a little obsessed with the idea of islands, and since painters always make the best writers this book has almost all the possible virtues, including some immensely good illustrations, of a cool, salt-washed charm, by the author. The jacket, her work too, is beautiful.

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RECORDS GERALD LASGELLES

GONE AWAY BLUES; REALLY THE BLUES; I MUST HAVE MY BOOGIE BY MEZZROW-BECHET GIANT OF JAZZ (VOL. I) BY SIDNEY BECHET CLASSIC JAZZMASTERS BY ROBERT JOHNSON, CLARA SMITH, JOHNNY DE DROIT, CHARLIE CREATH, EDDIE CONDON

Look back without anger

WHEN I HEAR THE GENUINE OLD SOUNDS OF jazz my heart warms in the knowledge that the performers involved were real artists in their own rights, people who had almost grown up with the music they played. Their message was seldom one of unadulterated happiness, but even when misery prevailed, they always injected a tiny element of levity into their work. To avoid the risk of being dubbed an amateur philosopher. I will concentrate on the records I have in mind, starting with the third volume of Mezzrow-Bechet King Jazz Story (SLP141). Sidney Bechet, the great soprano saxophone exponent, had a reputation for being no easy musician to work with, but Mezzrow, himself a clarinettist, made a vast range of tracks between 1945 and 1947 with Bechet and an assortment of outstanding jazzmen for their own label, "King Jazz." Others in this series, released

in England on Storyville, include two excellent EPs (SEP394/403), and singles which offer such delightful pieces as Where Am I (A45059) and I'm Speakin' My Mind (A45060). Earlier this year we had Bechet's Giant Of Jazz—Vol. 1 (BLP1203), which forms part of the sessions he made for Blue Note during the same period. The presence of Wild Bill Davison on cornet ensures that they are noisier, and Art Hodes' string piano makes these some of the most exciting tracks Bechet ever put on record.

The wealth of historical recorded jazz is distributed between a few issuing companies today. The strength of Philips in this field is shown by their Classic Jazzmasters series, many of which have been released in the past two months. Prolific notes on each artist enhance the understanding of this primitive but not always easily understandable music. One of the most memorable artists is Robert Johnson, a blues singer from the Delta area of the Mississippi, which was always a breeding ground for this type of musician. Johnson accompanied himself in most unconventional style on guitar, sang colourful blues about the trouble he had with women, and died of a dose of poison before he reached the age of 21.

The same series treats us to an exceptional 1962 session (BBE12491) by blues singer Clara Smith (no relation of the famous Bessie!), with earthy lyrics and a

style so closely associated with her namesake that it is easy to see why she was the rage of the South, and recorded almost as many titles as Bessie Smith. Instrumental jazz is offered by Johnny De Droit's band, a white group who worked in New Orleans in 1924, and produce sounds not unlike the early New Orleans Rhythm Kings. The leader played cornet, and was a close associate of Nick LaRocca in the Original Dixieland Jazz Band. This is crude music (BBE12496) matched by the efforts of Charlie Creath (BBE12499) and an authentic St. Louis group, which certainly included men who had migrated North from New Orleans.

It is difficult to recommend any of this music to anyone but connoisseurs, whereas the Eddie Condon tracks (BBE12497) dating from 1933, embrace many facets of jazz as we hear it today. This record provides us with a chance to hear some quite exceptional solos by Pee Wee Russell and Bud Freeman, who rank among the great white exponents of the Chicago school.

There should be no regrets about what has been, unless like me you wish that you had lived to hear all the old maestros. Their lives may, for all we know, have been more fulfilled than those of the present day jazzmen, beset with high pressure business and a more rapid pace of existence, and inevitably frustrated by the lack of acceptance which has always been one of the battle cries of jazz itself.

GALLERIES ROBERT WRAIGHT

KOKOSCHKA TATE GALLERY KOKOSCHKA, MOORE & SUTHERLAND MARLBOROUGH FINE ART GALLERY

The real Kokoschka

SURELY, YOU MUST BE THINKING, THERE CAN be nothing more to write or say about Kokoschka after the torrent of written and spoken words poured out by newspapers. magazines, television and radio during the past few weeks. Kokoschka has been lauded and acclaimed as a marvellous painter, a marvellous draughtsman and a marvellous human being (all of which he is). His id, his psyche and his place in the history of modern painting have all been exhaustively (and exhaustingly) examined. Leading critics have told us that his early work is the best and also that his late work is the best, that his early painted portraits are really "drawings" and that his early drawn portraits are really "paintings," that his portraits reveal his sitters' souls and that his portraits reveal his own soul.

The obvious result of all this verbiage (to which, I confess, I have contributed some small measure) is a rush of visitors to the Tate Gallery such as has not been seen since the Picasso affair of 1960. But on my many visits to the crowded show I have wondered whether there is not another, less praiseworthy, even negative result, in that all these people (or nearly all of them) arrive with preconceived ideas, and other people's

preconceived ideas at that, of what they are supposed to see. Would it not be better for them to take Kokoschka's own advice, which critic John Russell paraphrases admirably as: "Think for yourselves! Look at life at first hand! I've done it and come through, and you would be the richer for doing the same."

Coming from a critic this must sound like suicide. The fact is, that the greater art is the less it needs "explaining." And Kokoschka's art is sufficiently great for a first experience of it to be weakened rather than heightened by foreknowledge of the artist's history. The ups and downs of his life, his reactions to the world, to people, at different times, the dark periods and the sustained bursts of joy, the anger with, and the love of, humanity—everything is there in the pictures, whose initial impact is probably all the greater if we do not know that "this one was painted during the turmoil that preceded World War One" or that "that one was done just after he settled in Switzerland."

This is not a plea for ignorance. It is, rather, a plea for the painting to be allowed first to speak for itself in somewhat the same way as (if I have understood him correctly) Bertolt Brecht always hoped that he might speak through his actors to his audience, an ideal audience with hearts and minds wide open to receive and respond. The book learning and the cerebration can come afterwards, but first the purest possible emotional response. Unlike those abstract painters whom he openly despises (see the drawing *OK being carried into Westminster Abbey by the last four abstract artists* which illustrates a letter at the Tate)

Kokoschka has never been afraid of expressing his emotions or of arousing yours.

In an attempt to get some idea of what it would be like to be a complete newcomer to Kokoschka's world, to see it with an innocent eye, I tried on my last two visits to the show to forget everything I knew about the artist and concentrate upon the work per se. Each time the operation proved so completely absorbing that I saw only one room. In the first room of the exhibition I was suddenly arrested, and detained for nearly two hours, by a dozen pairs of hands, the hands in Kokoschka's portraits of his friends in pre-1914 Vienna. Even more, perhaps, than the faces in the portraits these hands-sensitive or merely decorative, rugged or rheumaticky, big, small, stiff, supple, strong, weak, curiously dislocated or violently expressive—betrayed the characters of the sitters or, to be more exact, Oskar Kokoschka's visions of those characters.

In the second room, which is filled with drawings, lithographs and other graphic work, the portraits were hauntingly powerful. One of them (I will say which one—No. 188—because if, wisely, you have taken Kokoschka's advice you will not have read this far anyway) I swear, hypnotized me for several minutes. Only before the drawings of Rembrandt have I ever had this same experience.

Practising what I have just been preaching I will say nothing about the exhibition at Marlborough Fine Art, in Bond Street, except that it provides a not-to-be-missed opportunity to compare the varied ways in which three great artists of today approach, and make use of, the art of drawing.

ROSES AND ROSE GROWING

G. S. Fletcher

Doll's house roses

MINIATURE ROSES; LIKE MANY other small scale representations, possess an unfailing charm, perhaps because we never entirely put away childish things. Moreover, these roses have qualities in their own right—an extensive range of colours, exquisitely formed buds and a Dresden-china-like prettiness-making them desirable additions to the garden. But they are not new: the Victorians had a few varieties-"fairy roses" they called them, as might be expected. For years now, pots of such older varieties as the crimson Tom Thumb have been offered for sale in the gardening departments of the large stores, often being described as suitable for indoor cultivation, which, by the way, is not the case.

In recent years, more attention has been given to them and the displays of miniature roses by Messrs. Edwin Murrell of Shrewsbury and Messrs. Frank Cant of Colchester have been a special attraction at Chelsea. Murrell's miniature formal garden was a big success this year, but the garden staged by Messrs. Frank Cant seemed to me more nearly what one would attempt under ordinary conditions, such as devoting a por-

tion of the rock garden to them or creating a special but informal corner where these tiny roses would not be disproportionate to their surroundings. Troughs, especially those well designed ones in the 18th century manner, are very suitable for bijou roses especially when planted with a combination of bushes and standards: but they must be deep. These bushes vary from six inches to a foot in height, and flower continuously from May until October. Pruning is best done with a small pair of scissors, and the only thing to remember is that miniature roses like plenty of room for their roots and rich soil. Here is a brief list of suitable varieties.

Oakington Ruby: dark crimson, best left out of formal arrangements as this older variety tends to spread; good in a rock garden. Robin: clear bright pink, and Tinker Bell: more rose pink, slightly paler at the edges, with a larger bloom. The white Pixie: a pretty miniature standard. Cinderella: white with a pink tinted centre. Humpty Dumpty: pale shell pink. Of the miniature climbers I suggest Redhead and Mr. Bluebird. Besides these and other miniature roses there are, of course, the dwar polyanthas. These I propose to discuss in a future article.

OTHER PEOPLE'S BABIES



Caroline (9 months), the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Denis Mackie of Boulderstone House, Templepatrick, Co. Antrim, with her mother



Julian (6 months), the son of Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Micklethwaite, Old Field House, Oakworth, Yorkshire, with his mother



MOTORING

Dudley Noble

FIRST AND PERHAPS FOREMOST MOTORING EVENT of the autumn is the Salon de l'Automobile, which opens tomorrow on the outskirts of Paris. Obliged by governmental decree to leave the Grand Palais in the Champs-Elysées, which it had occupied for more than 60 years, it is now to take place in the exhibition centre at the Porte de Versailles. Congestion in the centre of the city is given as the reason for the move.

The Salon is always worth visiting because the productions of almost every motor factory in the world can be seen there, a wider international display than is gathered together anywhere else. This year there are several very interesting new Continental cars, notably the Ford Cardinal under its brand name of Taunus 12M, made in Cologne. I went over to see and try it recently, and one point of especial interest was the heater for the interior of the body, which has been designed to give rapid warming-up. On a cold morning the average car heater takes quite some time to communicate any real warmth to the passengers but the Ford designers have overcome this in a simple manner by so arranging the cooling system that the core of the heater receives water from the cylinder jackets-which get hot very quickly-right from the start. Only after a temperature of 176 degrees F. has been reached does a valve open and bring the normal radiator into circuit at the front of the car. This should prove a real boon to those who live in cold climates, including Great Britain.

This new Taunus is notable in other ways, representing as it does the adoption by Ford of the principle of front wheel drive. The entire mechanism is located forward of the steering column and confined in a minimum space. Instead of turning the engine sideways, however, as our own Austin-Morris people have done, the Ford designers have gone for a type of engine which occupies very little space from front to back—a V-4 unit which consists of two pairs of cylinders set at an angle of 60 degrees. I would not say, after trying the

new Taunus, that this arrangement makes for as smooth a running engine as do the four cylinders in line, but the Vee engine is one with which Fords have had a lot of experience in their 8-cylinder models so presumably any shortcomings will be overcome. At any rate, the front wheel drive allows the floor of the car to be flat, and another good point about the 12M is that synchromesh has been provided on all four forward gears. It is certainly a car about which a lot more will be heard, but we shall not see it in this country until next summer. Another new model we are not to see is the Opel Kadett, not so novel in conception as the Taunus, though it is the product of the other giant American corporation-General Motors. The Kadett has its 993 c.c. 4-cylinder engine at the front, driving the back wheels in conventional fashion, and again through an all-synchromesh 4-speed gearbox. Both it and the 12M Taunus have obviously been produced as America's retort to the Volkswagen, and the outcome of the tussle for European markets will be interesting.

Among French cars in the same category is the Simca 1000, a right-hand steering version of which I have been driving here in England. It is a well-mannered and lively car and surprisingly large inside for its comparatively modest outside dimensions. The 1-litre 4-cylinder engine runs on five main bearings, which makes for great smoothness, and the 4-speed gearbox is again all synchromesh. Simca put their engine in the back of the car, and slope it slightly to keep its height down, and one point of particular interest is that there is no detachable ignition switch. It is therefore possible, if one can open the doors, to get into the driving seat and start right away; possibly a questionable feature where children may have access to the unlocked car. The object, of course, is to compel owners to lock their doors whenever they alight.

Renault have their new R8 model coming on to the British market at Show time, and I went over to Spain a month or two ago to

try it out in left-hand-drive version. It follows Dauphine practice in having its 4-cylinder engine at the rear, driving the back wheels, and is rather larger than the familiar Dauphine. In announcing its price -£764 including purchase tax—Renault stated that they had decided to stabilize their 1963 list prices by discounting the effect of any possible effects of reduced import duty. Should Britain enter the Common Market, this would immediately be halved, but in any case there will be reductions during the next few years, and Renaults do not intend to lose any orders from British customers on that account.



The Simca 1000, silent, smooth, combines the features of a big car with the dimensions of a small one



The Renault R.8 saloon; disc brakes on all wheels. Below: The Ford Cardinal (called the Taunus 12M), V-4 engine, front wheel drive



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Harms-Cooke—Davies: Carol, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. V. Harms-Cooke, of The Wold Furlong, Chipping Campden, Glos, was married to John Edmund, son of the late Mr. E. G. Davies, and of Mrs. Davies, of Broom Court, Broom, nr. Alcester, Warwickshire, at St. James's, Chipping Campden



Medhurst—Stewart: Lynda Grace, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. A. Medhurst, of Leigh-on-Sea, was married to Robin Milton, son of the late Brig. G. M. Stewart and of Dr. E. Stewart, of Camberley, at St. Paul's, Knightsbridge



Slazenger—Wingfield: Wendy, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. R. C. G. Slazenger, Powerscourt, Co. Wicklow, was married to the Hon. Mervyn Wingfield, son of Viscount & Viscountess Powerscourt, Bellair, Co. Offaly

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DINING IN

IF AN AMBITIOUS COOK WANTS TO KNOW HOW to use wine in cooking, she may well look to the master chefs for advice. It will be sparing but to the point. They have no time for precious observations or for over-stating the case. For instance, in his Gourmet's Basic French Cookbook (Hamish Hamilton, 84s.), the late Louis Diat, chef des cuisines of the one-time Ritz-Carlton in New York, devotes only five pages to Wines and Spirits in Cooking—and these out of 654 large pages! Throughout the book, however, there are many recipes in which wine is used and some of them specify the particular wine required. One example will suffice. In River Trout in Wine with Truffles, the wine given is Montrachet, the finest of the white wines of Burgundy. Diat's first advice is important: "Never use in cooking a wine you would not drink." In his mother's kitchen in France, the wine used in cooking was also the one served at table, a vin ordinaire, sometimes red and sometimes white.

Diat gives three main uses of wine in cooking, apart from its use in desserts. First, in a marinade used both to make meat tender and in cooking when it becomes part of the sauce. In poaching fish, too, wine is not only part of the liquid but also part of the sauce. As the wine in both cases is considerably reduced in the cooking, it need not be of the highest quality but, like all "cooking wines," it should be good enough to drink. The second use is for the making of a pan sauce. A little wine is added to the tin in which meat, poultry or fish has been baked so that it dissolves the brown juices clinging to the tin. It is suggested that, for this, wine of better quality than one used in a marinade be chosen. The third main use is as a final flavouring. At the end of cooking, the wine is added to the sauce which is not again brought to the boil. Generally, fortified wines such as sherry, Madeira and port are used for this purpose and they should have excellent flavour. Diat warns against the use of more wine than is specified in a recipe. It by no means follows that, because a little wine is good, more will be better. Au contraire, too much wine can spoil a dish irreparably. Gourmet's Basic French Cookbook is an expensive one, but it would make a wonderful birthday or wedding present for a young cook. I strongly recommend it. The cooking directions are given clearly, including the correct temperatures and times for oven cooking.

Another chef-author of a cookery book is Henri-Paul Pellaprat. His Modern Culinary Art (the first translation, not a more recently published revised one) is a source of great interest and joy to me because it contains so much scrambled English. The other day, I came across a cooking with wine tip in it. Looking for an eel recipe, I found this: "EEL. When we say 'matelote' (stew of fish), the echo replies with eel; in spite that other fish can give a good 'matelote.' "The recipe for Matelote of Eel a la Bourguignonne says, "Water (the cut-up eel) entirely with red wine" then follows the tip: "Colour sauce with caramel, as wine would give a desagreeable (sic) violaceous tint." Red wine can certainly give a dish a bluish tone. I remember a friend with enterprise but little culinary knowledge

having a go at Coq au Vin. In his own words, his first attempt was a "dismal failure." The sauce was bluish and tasted much more like a strong wine soup. The recipe he followed did not give the size of the chicken but gave "a bottle of red wine." When I asked how large the bird was, I discovered that it was a small broiler. Diat gives a 4-lb. bird (disjointed) and 2 cups of red wine and water to cover the pieces. My friend now makes as good a Coq au Vin as you will find in any first-class restaurant. There is a vast difference between a small broiler and a 4-lb. bird and 2 cups and a full bottle of

Pork is a good buy just now and I wanted to braise a piece this week. Because I wanted as little fat as possible. I chose spare ribs-not those you get in a Chinese restaurant but that cut which is equivalent to the middle of the neck in lamb. This is the meat under the shoulder. There is enough fat on it but very much less than on the loin or cutlets or rib cut. Have the butcher cut through as many of these ribs as you require-say 8 for 4 servings. Fry each in pork fat, which can be trimmed from the

edges of the spare ribs. Season them with salt and pepper. Place them in a casserole large enough to contain them in one layer. In the same fat, fry 2 chopped Spanish onions to a pale gold. Drain off the fat and add the onions to the pork, together with 2 to 3 sliced carrots and a bouquet garni tied together with a piece of thread long enough to overhang the casserole for easy removal later on. Pour off excess fat from the fryingpan. Work a level-dessertspoon of flour into the remainder, then add | pint dry white wine and ½ pint stock or water. Add also a teaspoon of dry mustard blended with a little water and salt and pepper to taste. Rub the liquid around in the pan to take up the residue from the pork. Pour this liquid into the casserole, cover closely and cook gently for 3 hours at 300 degrees Fahr. or gas mark 1. If the sauce has reduced too much, transfer the ribs to a heated deep serving dish. Remove the bouquet garni. Add a little water to the sauce, boil up, pour it over the spare ribs and serve with mashed boiled potatoes, whipped with a little stock, and, if you like, sauerkraut. This can be bought in jars and cans and heated.



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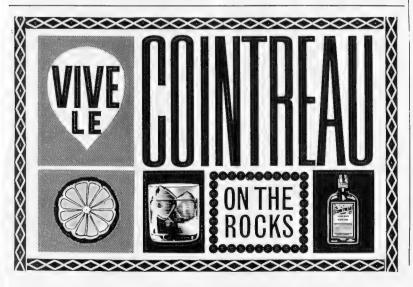
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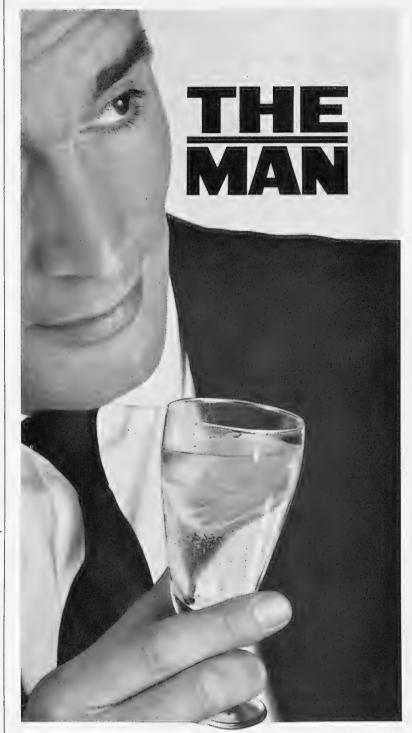
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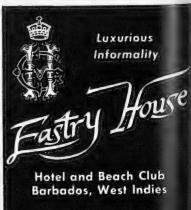
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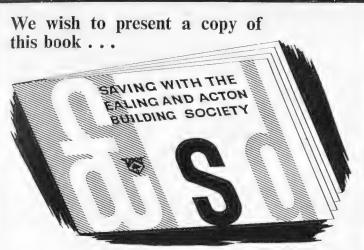
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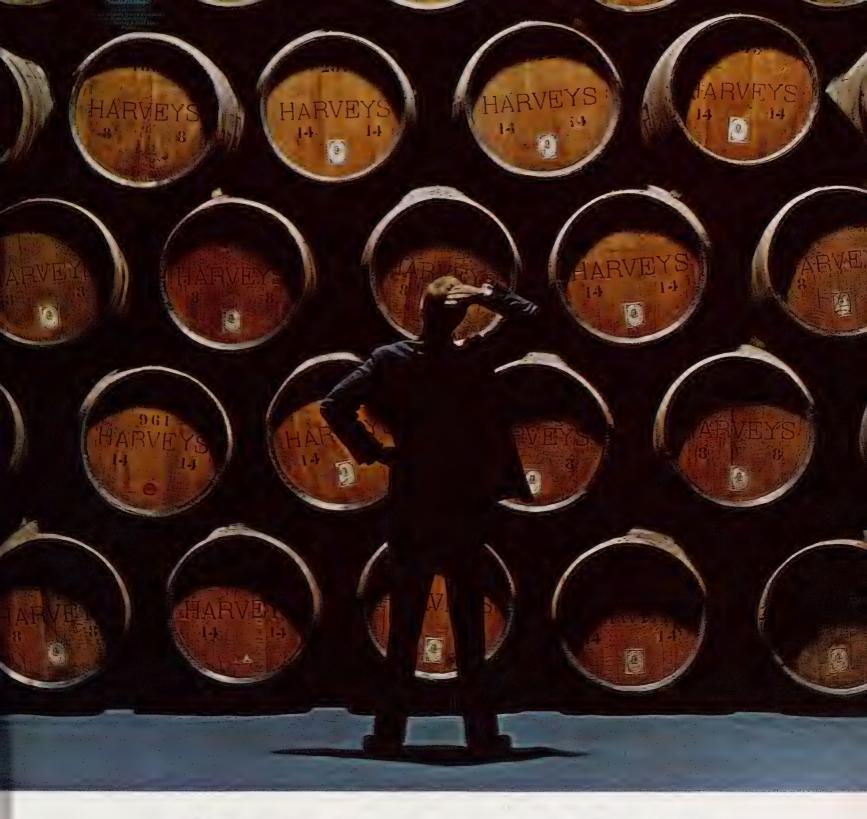
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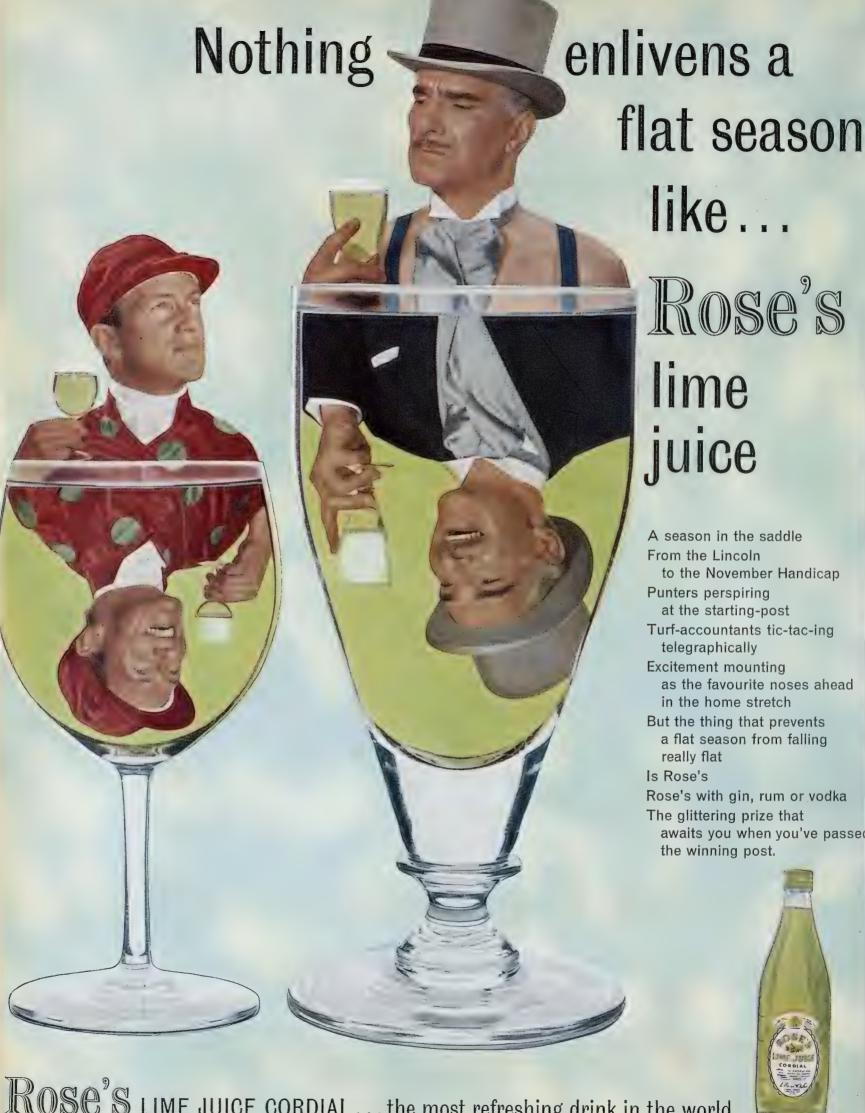
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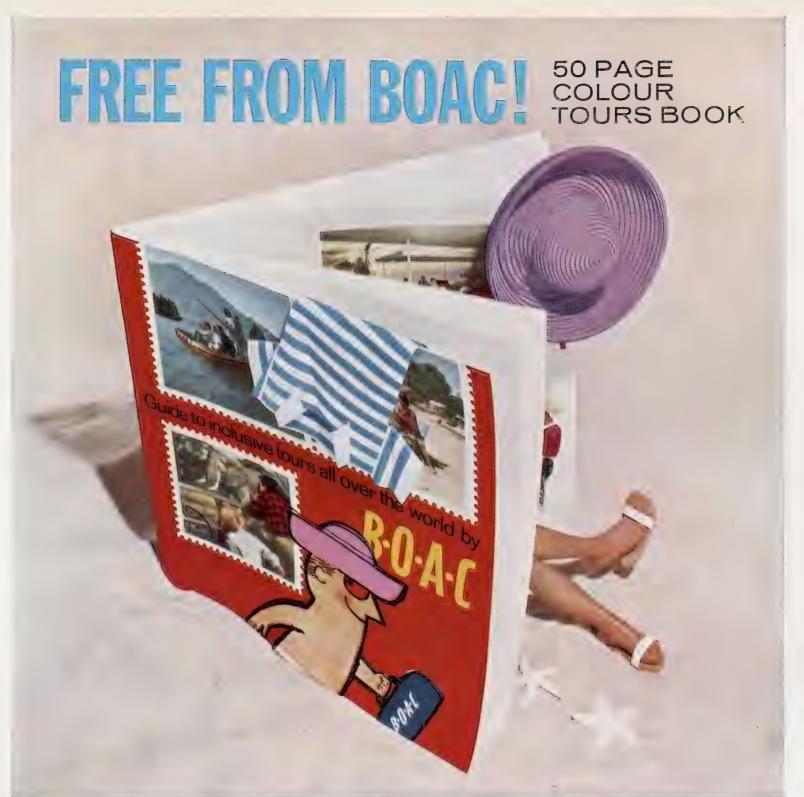
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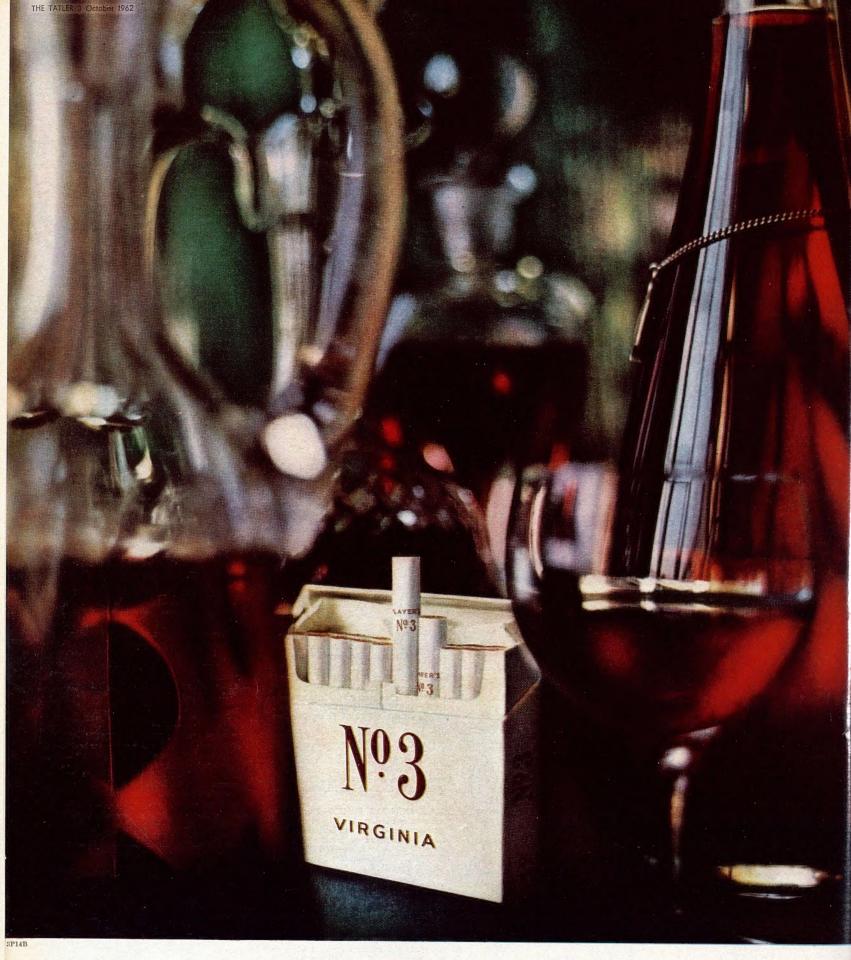
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